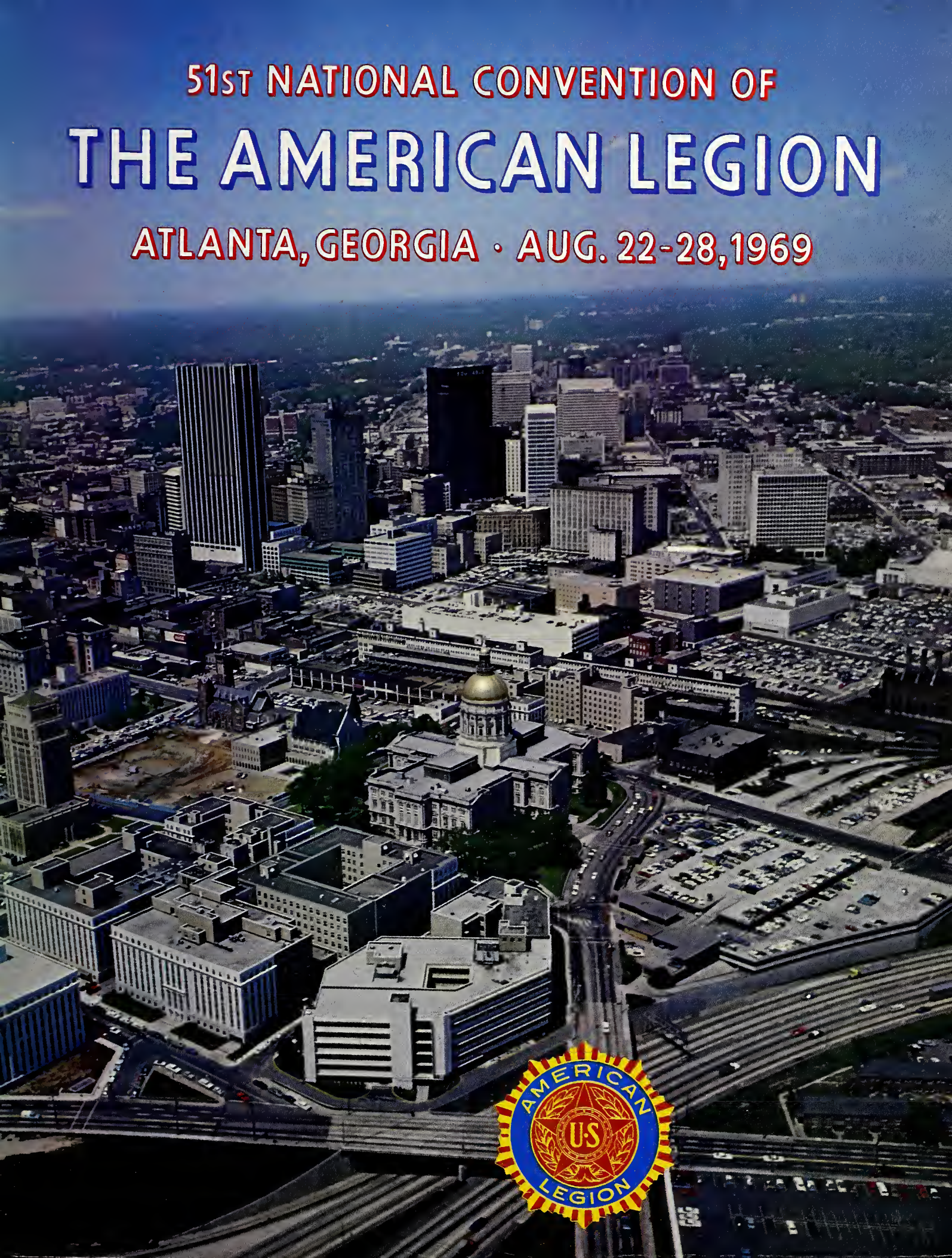
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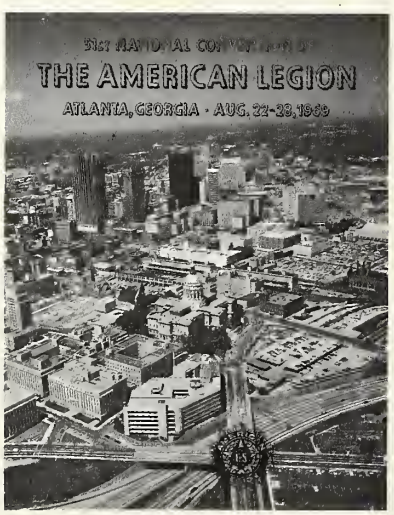


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Atlanta Convention Program

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Welcome to the 51st Annual National Convention



With this Fifty-First Annual National Convention of The American Legion we near the conclusion of our 50th anniversary observance and we anticipate that from these sessions will come one of the genuine highlights of this golden anniversary year—the blueprint for the Legion's commitment to America in the years ahead.

During this golden year for the Legion, most of which I have been privileged to serve as your National Commander, we have served under the slogan of "Fifty years of 100 per cent Americanism —A Commitment to Freedom." We proclaimed a commitment which we believe has been fulfilled, for since the founding days of this organization The American Legion never has been found wanting when the cause of freedom demanded service.

We may well anticipate that freedom's cause may be more demanding in the years ahead than it has in the past for despite four wars in this century, including the present fighting in Vietnam, the world still has not found peace, freedom still is threatened, and divisions among our own people make its defense more difficult.

For some 18 months we have had a group functioning within The American Legion known as The Task Force For the Future. Their job was to evaluate the programs of the Legion in the light of present and contemplated social and economic change and to set out guidelines by which this great patriotic-service organization might be directed to even greater heights of service than anything we have yet achieved.

We anticipate the report of our Task Force during this Convention, and while we take pardonable pride in the record that has been written by the Legion over the past 50 years, we look forward to the challenge that will be placed before us as we embark upon our second half century of service.

Just as we never have been found wanting in the service of freedom's cause over the past 50 years, neither will we shrink from the awesome challenge that may yet lie ahead for we truly seek for ourselves the greatest honor that can befall free men—the honor of preserving that freedom for posterity.

William C. Doyle

WILLIAM C. DOYLE
National Commander

Church Directory

DOWNTOWN CHURCHES—ATLANTA



The following is a partial list of churches and synagogues in the Atlanta area including those which may easily be reached from most Convention Hotels. For a more complete listing, please consult the telephone directory.



ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Faith Memorial Assembly of God
163 Ponee de Leon Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church of Atlanta
754 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Second Ponce de Leon
Baptist Church
2715 Peachtree Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Tabernacle Baptist
152 Luckie St., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

CATHOLIC

Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Immaculate Conception
48 Hunter St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Sacred Heart
335 Ivy Street, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

St. John's Melkite
Catholic Church
1428 Ponee de Leon Ave., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church of Atlanta
999 Briarcliff Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Grant Park Christian Church
890 Blvd., SE
Atlanta, Ga.

Peachtree Christian Church
1580 Peachtree, NW
Atlanta, Ga.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church
1235 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ
1146 Sheridan Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Church of Christ North Ave.
3300 Old Jonesboro Rd.
Hapeville, Ga.

Church of Christ West End
1303 Gordon St., SE
Atlanta, Ga.

CHURCH OF GOD

Bethlehem Church of God
858 Hunter St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

Mt. Paran Church of God
2055 Mt. Paran Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

EPISCOPAL

All Saints Episcopal Church
634 W. Peachtree, NW
Atlanta, Ga.

The Cathedral of St. Phillips
2744 Peachtree Rd., NW
Atlanta, Ga.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
435 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
731 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

METHODIST

First Methodist Church
of Atlanta
360 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

St. Mark United Methodist Church
781 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Trinity Methodist
265 Washington, SW
Atlanta, Ga.

NAZARENE

Church of the Nazarene
of Decatur
215 Ansley
Decatur, Ga.

GREEK ORTHODOX

Greek Orthodox Church
of the Annunciation
2500 Clairmont Rd., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian
1328 Peachtree, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

Central Presbyterian
201 Washington St., SW
Atlanta, Ga.

North Avenue Presbyterian
607 Peachtree St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

The Church of St. Andrew
2461 Peachtree St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Beverly Road Church
17 Beverly Road
Atlanta, Ga.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Atlanta
1911 Cliff Valley Way, NE
Atlanta, Ga.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Congregational Church
105 Courtland St., NE
Atlanta, Ga.

SYNAGOGUE

Ahavith Achim Synagogue
Peachtree Battle Ave., and
Northside Drive
Atlanta, Ga.

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WHERE to REGISTER, OBTAIN INFORMATION and PURCHASE CONTEST TICKETS

Six Registration-Information booths and ticket sales points will be maintained in Atlanta for the convenience of convention attendees. You may register for the convention ($3.00 per adult), find the answers to your questions, or purchase tickets to the Junior-Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Final Contest.

Booth locations in the lobbies of:

Regency Hotel
Henry Grady Hotel
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
Marriott Motor Hotel
Georgian Terrace Hotel
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

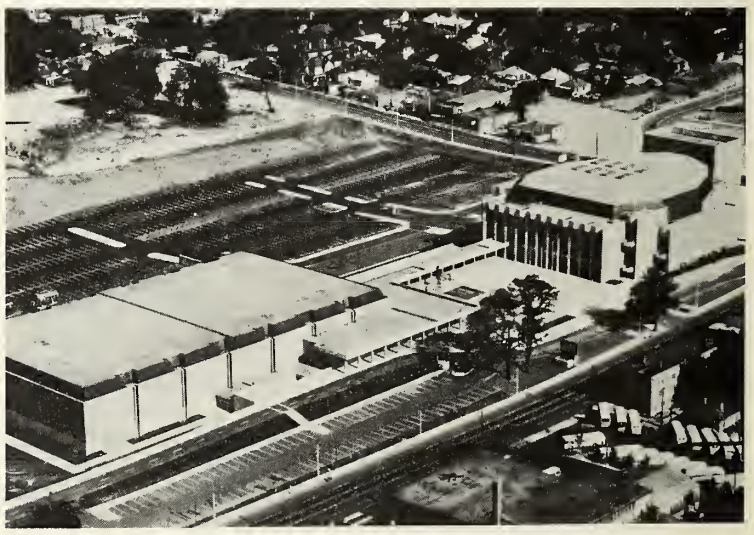
Booths will open at 1:00 p.m. on August 21.

In addition to the above locations for Registration-Information, one booth will be maintained in National Headquarters office, located in Ivy Hall of the Regency and one booth will be maintained in the foyer of the Exhibit Hall, Atlanta Civic Center during the days of Convention Business Sessions, August 26, 27 and 28.

Tickets for the Junior-Senior Drum and Bugle Corps Finals are Reserved Section $2.50 and General Admission $2.00. A coupon included in each registration packet (within the official convention program) may be used to reduce the price of either the $2.50 or $2.00 ticket by 50c. The coupon must be presented at the time of ticket purchase.

The show is scheduled for Georgia Tech Stadium (Grant Field) commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 24.

Hospitality and information centers have been established by American Legion Posts of the Department of Georgia on major highways leading into Atlanta.



THE EXHIBIT HALL of Atlanta's Civic Center, will be the site of the three day sessions of the Convention proper of the 51st Annual National Convention of The American Legion to be held here Aug. 22-28. The Convention will be in the Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26, 27 and 28. Ample, modern and comfortable facilities will be available for the benefit of all delegates and guests.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1969

Dear Commander Doyle:

It is always a pleasure to extend warm personal greetings to my fellow Legionnaires.

For half a century, members of the American Legion have served their country in war and in peace. They have helped to keep America strong, and they have helped to keep Americans aware of the great heritage which we enjoy as a birthright.

The strength of America is her people, and our great success as a nation is our ability to mobilize our people in a common effort to solve common problems. Members of the Legion have been active in a variety of programs designed to improve the quality of American life, and the local Legion post has become the center of civic action in thousands of communities around the nation.

New and exciting opportunities are ahead for America as we enter the last third of the Twentieth Century. The Legion's place in the front rank of our nation's volunteer leadership is well established, and I know that in the years ahead it will continue its important service to God and Country.

With every best wish for a successful convention.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Commander William C. Doyle
National Commander
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana



Executive Department
Atlanta

August 22, 1969

Lester Maddox
GOVERNOR

Dear Legionnaires,

As Governor of Georgia, it gives me great pleasure to wish you a most successful 51st National Convention and to welcome you to our great State of Georgia and the City of Atlanta.

With the establishment of the American Legion, a great movement has flourished to make a stronger and more patriotic America, and we cannot bestow enough praise upon this organization for its great contributions in preserving freedom and defending liberty.

Your organization is in the forefront of continuing the struggle against the infiltration of Communism and other enemies of the American way of life. Every American who cherishes his freedom should appreciate the American Legion and its purpose.

You have upheld with great honor the principles for which your comrades fought and for which many of them made the supreme sacrifice. Your organization has won the admiration and support of millions of Americans for its contributions, both morally and materially, to thousands of veterans and their families.

We are proud of the many achievements made by the American Legion, and you honor our Capitol City and our State by your presence. We want to do everything possible to make your visit a pleasant and productive one. While your main purpose is to conduct pertinent business, we hope that you will take time to enjoy some of the pleasures of our City and State.

You will find the people of Georgia hold true to the tradition of graciousness and hospitality, and I am sure you will find your choice of Atlanta as the site of your convention to be a wise one. I certainly hope you enjoy your stay and that you will hurry back to see us.

With best wishes for a most successful convention, I am

Sincerely,

Lester Maddox

Lester Maddox
Governor

As you begin your
second half-century
of service to
your country...
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Greetings:

To members of the American Legion.

The City of Atlanta welcomes you to the Fifty-First Annual Convention of the American Legion.

Atlanta is often described as a "new kind of city". We like to think this means a city which is concerned for the development and advancement of the human spirit as well as for the building of a great center of commerce and industry, of office buildings and banks, and of highways and airports.

Our official seal of the Phoenix rising from the ashes of the War Between the States is a very timely symbol of today's Atlanta, which is attempting to build a great metropolis free of the poverty and crime, prejudice and despair.

You will find in Atlanta a sense of pride among all citizens, and enthusiasm and optimism for the future.

As Mayor of Atlanta, I hope that during your visit here you will recognize and enjoy this atmosphere.

All Atlantans are pleased that you have chosen us as your convention site.

We hope you will come again and often.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

Hello, Joe, Jack, Bert, Phil, Tom, Ernie, John, Bill, Dave, Charlie, Walt, Dick, Stu, Don, Herb, Bob, Harry, George, Arnie, Mort, Fred, Al, Pete, Jerry, Pat, Stan, Jim, Barry, Greg, Marv, Sam, Gene, Gary, Carl, Oscar, Elliot, Norm, Frank, Warren, Ben, Paul, Vince, Henry, Lou, Ted, Ken, Mike, Milt, Dan, Len, Bud, Archie, Larry.

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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 29, 1969



To All Members of the American Legion,
Their Families and Guests:

The City of Atlanta extends a most cordial welcome to all members of the American Legion, who will attend the American Legion National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, August 22-28, 1969.

We are honored and delighted that Atlanta was chosen for your 1969 convention.

Be assured the safety and security of all of our visitors are of paramount importance to us.

Join us in Atlanta to enjoy the historical sites and entertainment in the most progressive and well regulated city in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Chief of Police

HTJ:gp



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NATIONAL CONTESTS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 AND 24, 1969

JUNIOR COLOR GUARD CONTEST Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24, 8:00, Piedmont Park.

AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD CONTEST Sunday, August 24, immediately following Junior Color Guard Contest, Piedmont Park. Exact time will be announced at representatives' meeting, August 22.

AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD CONTEST Sunday, August 24, Rose Bowl Field, Fowler St., immediately following Senior Color Guard Contest.

JUNIOR BAND CONTEST Saturday, August 23, 9:00, Auditorium, Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave., N.E. M & M portion of contest will be held at Rose Bowl Field nearby.

AMERICAN LEGION BAND CONTEST Saturday, August 23, Auditorium, Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave., N.E., immediately following Junior Band Contest.

AMERICAN LEGION MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM CONTEST Saturday, August 23, 2:00. Site to be announced.

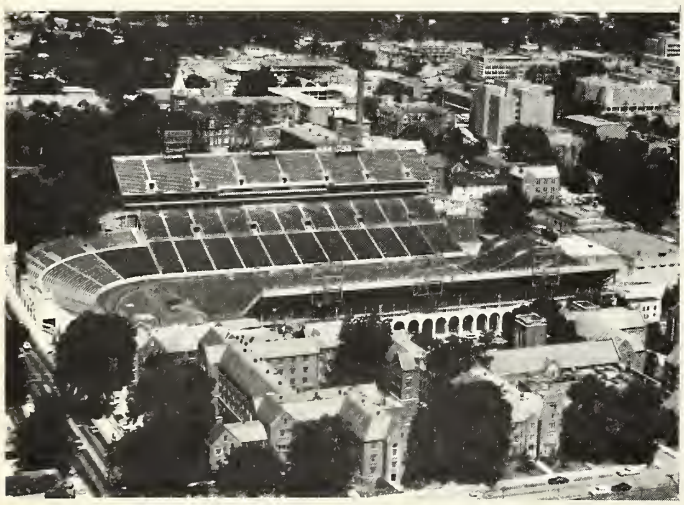
JUNIOR DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST Saturday and Sunday, August 23-24, 8:00, North Springs High School, 7447 Roswell Road, Dunwoody, Georgia.

AMERICAN LEGION DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST Sunday, August 24, immediately following Junior Drum & Bugle Corps Contest, North Springs High School, 7447 Roswell Road, Dunwoody, Georgia.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHORUS AND QUARTET CONTEST Sunday, August 24, 9:00, Auditorium, Atlantic Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave., N.E.

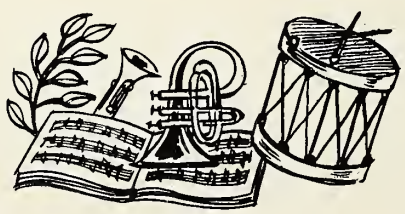
AMERICAN LEGION CHORUS AND QUARTET CONTEST Sunday, August 24, 1:00, Auditorium, Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Ave., N.E.

AMERICAN LEGION DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS FINALS (SENIOR AND JUNIOR) PARADE OF CHAMPIONS Sunday, August 24, 7:00, Georgia Tech Stadium (Grant Field). The twelve corps, 5 Senior and 7 Junior, receiving the highest scores in the preliminaries will compete, each in their own class, for the National Championships.



GEORGIA TECH STADIUM, site of some of the south's most thrilling football games, will be the scene of one of the most thrilling performances of The American Legion's 51st Annual National Convention on Sunday evening, August 24, when the Legion's Parade of Champions, the national finals of Junior and Senior Legion Drum and Bugle Corps contests will be conducted here.

In case of rain during the Senior-Junior Corps final contests at Georgia Tech Stadium, on Sunday, August 24, the event will be held the following morning, August 25, at Henry Grady High School, 929 Charles Allen Drive, N.E., at 11:00.





Department of **Georgia**

Suite 206 . . . 710 Peachtree St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30308 ★ *Fifty Years for God and Country*

Fellow Legionnaires:

The American Legion Department of Georgia cordially welcomes you to Atlanta for the 51st National Convention. We are happy you are here during the Golden Anniversary Observance of the founding of The American Legion.

We feel that Atlanta is a proper setting for the beginning of our second half-century of Service to God and Country. Like the Legion, Atlanta has been able to keep pace with time and change. Both are endowed with a proud past and geared for a challenging future.

We hope your visit to Atlanta will be a pleasant experience. The Legionnaires of Atlanta and Georgia stand ready to assist in every way to make sure your stay will be most enjoyable.

We invite you to visit our cultural centers, churches, institutions of higher learning, recreation areas, shopping facilities and beautiful residential areas.

We think you will find Atlanta has retained much of its warmth and southern charm even though it has become very cosmopolitan. We believe you will find this hospitality is genuine and that you will relax and enjoy your visit.

We are delighted to have you with us.

Sincerely,

Karl P. Conradi

Karl P. Conradi
Department Commander

DIRECTORY OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

Ivy Hall—Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-6600

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Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
873-1676

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874-2791
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ALASKA

Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
875-3461
(Adjutant—Joseph M. Briones)

ARIZONA

Atlanta Marriott Hotel
Cain & Courtland Streets
688-6500
(Adjutant—Bryant B. Barron)

ARKANSAS

Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
875-3461
(Adjutant—Arthur B. Cross)

CALIFORNIA

Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth Street, NW
524-2461
(Adjutant—Edward Sharkey)

CANADA

Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Hugh C. Jamieson)

COLORADO

The Atlantan Hotel
111 Luckie Street, NW
JA 4-6461
(Adjutant—E. Dean Hunter)

CONNECTICUT

Atlanta Downtown Motel
330 West Peachtree Street
525-2771
(Adjutant—B. B. "Ben" Truskoski)

DELAWARE

Atlanta Marriott Hotel
Cain & Courtland Streets
688-6500
(Adjutant—Garland D. Bloodsworth)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Atlantan Hotel
111 Luckie Street, NW
JA 4-6461
(Adjutant—H. Victor Conwell)

FLORIDA

Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
875-3461
(Adjutant—Ralph A. Johnson)

FRANCE
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—James F. Graziano)

GEORGIA
Cox Carlton Hotel
683 Peachtree Street, NE
872-7721
Hotel Georgia Terrace
659 Peachtree Street, NE
872-6671
(Adjutant—George E. Osborne)

HAWAII
Atlanta Marriott Hotel
Cain & Courtland Streets
688-6500
(Adjutant—Bernard J. Peron)

IDAHO
The Atlantan Hotel
111 Luckie Street, NW
JA 4-6461
(Adjutant—Lou Babb)

ILLINOIS
Atlanta American
160 Spring Street, NW
688-8600
The Atlantan Hotel
111 Luckie Street, NW
524-6461
(Acting Adjutant—E. B. "Skip" Kiesling)

INDIANA
Henry Grady Hotel
210 Peachtree Street, NW
524-3211
(Adjutant—Richard C. Smidley)

IOWA
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth Street, NW
524-2461
(Adjutant—Glenn M. Dugger)

ITALY
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Carmine Casolini)

KANSAS
Atlanta Cabana
870 Peachtree Street, NE
875-9188
(Adjutant—Kenneth L. Young)

KENTUCKY
Royal Coach Inn
1750 Commerce Drive, NW
351-6100
(Adjutant—Ray A. Beyer)

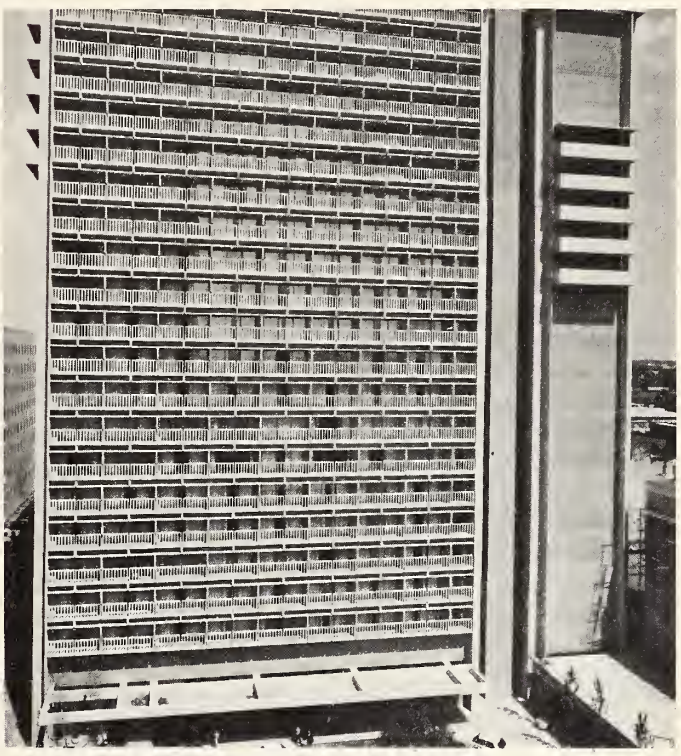
LOUISIANA
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth Street
524-2461
(Adjutant—Wilson J. Hebert)

MAINE
Royal Coach Inn
1750 Commerce Drive, NW
351-6100
(Adjutant—Anthony J. Rumo)

MARYLAND
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Daniel J. Burkhardt)

MASSACHUSETTS
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
875-3461
(Adjutant—John P. Swift)

MEXICO
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Gordon A. Ballantyne)



THE REGENCY HYATT HOUSE, one of America's newest and finest hotels, will be the Headquarters Hotel for the 51st Annual National Convention of The American Legion, Aug. 22-28, in Atlanta, Ga. National Headquarters offices will be located in one of the hotel's functional rooms, Ivy Hall. National officers and distinguished guests will be housed here and the National Commander's banquet for distinguished guests will be at the Regency Hyatt House.

MICHIGAN
Albert Pick Motor Inn
1152 Spring Street, NW
873-4362
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688-8665
(Adjutant—Frank W. Chambers)

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688-8665
(Adjutant—Aubrey W. Sullivan)

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The Atlantan
111 Luckie Street, NW
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870 Peachtree Street, NE
875-9188
(Adjutant—Ray Oltman)

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330 Peachtree Motel
330 Peachtree Street, NE
525-6351
(Adjutant—J. E. "Doc" Martie)

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Riviera
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875-9711
(Adjutant—Hubert S. O'Neil)

NEW JERSEY
Holiday Inn Downtown
175 Piedmont Avenue, NE
688-7420
(Adjutant—Morris W. Kuzbyt)

NEW MEXICO
Atlanta Marriott Hotel
Cain & Courtland Streets
688-6500
(Adjutant—Hershel L. Doyle)

NEW YORK
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Maurice Stember)

NORTH CAROLINA
Executive Park Motel
1447 Northeast Expressway, NE
634-4231
(Adjutant—J. Carroll Wilson)

NORTH DAKOTA
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Vernon Useldinger)

OHIO
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875-3461
(Adjutant—J. P. (Pat) Hone

OKLAHOMA
Downtowner Motor Inn
231 Ivy Street, NE
577-1510
(Adjutant—A. R. Tyner, Jr.)

OREGON
Downtowner Motor Inn
231 Ivy Street, NE
577-1510
(Adjutant—Glenn H. Howe)

PANAMA
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Thomas J. McManus)

PENNSYLVANIA
Atlanta Marriott Hotel
Cain & Courtland Streets
688-6500
(Adjutant—Edward T. Hoak)

PHILIPPINES
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—Carlos S. Garcia)

PUERTO RICO
Henry Grady Hotel
210 Peachtree Street, NW
524-3211
(Adjutant—Jose A. Baez)

RHODE ISLAND
Riviera
1630 Peachtree Street, NE
875-9711
(Adjutant—Andrew R. Vanti)

SOUTH CAROLINA
Inntown Motor Hotel
89 Luckie Street, NW
524-7991
(Adjutant—Page Nelson Keesee)

SOUTH DAKOTA
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth Street, NW
524-2461
(Adjutant—Cyril J. Paul)

TENNESSEE
Howell House Hotel
710 Peachtree Street, NE
873-4821
(Adjutant—Barney W. Greene)

TEXAS
Henry Grady Hotel
210 Peachtree Street, NW
524-3211
(Adjutant—W. H. McGregor)

UTAH
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth Street, NW
524-2461
(Adjutant—Dean C. Hall)

VERMONT
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
265 Peachtree Street, NE
577-1234
(Adjutant—H. Carlyle Lawson)

VIRGINIA
Henry Grady Hotel
210 Peachtree Street, NW
524-3211
(Adjutant—Bernard H. Gollinger)

WASHINGTON
330 Peachtree Motel
330 Peachtree Street, NE
525-6351
(Adjutant—W. H. (Bill) Dunn)

WEST VIRGINIA
Holiday Inn—Central
1944 Piedmont Circle, NE
875-3571
(Adjutant—Tommy E. Jones)

WISCONSIN
Admiral Benbow Motor Hotel
1470 Spring Street, NW
872-5821
(Adjutant—Robert G. Wilke)

WYOMING
The Atlantan Hotel
111 Luckie Street, NW
JA 4-6461
Adjutant—Clayton D. Miller)

The American Legion National Emblem Sales Locations

LEGION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Regency Hyatt House
Main Lobby
265 Peachtree Street N.E.

Thursday, August 21, through Thursday, August 28

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Marriott Motor Motel
Courtland & Cain Sts.
Ballroom Level

Friday, August 22, through Thursday, August 28

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL—ATLANTA CIVIC CENTER

Thursday, August 21, through Thursday, August 28

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For Your Convenience During the 51st Annual National Convention

All locations will have a complete stock of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise available. Among the many items are shirts, ties, vests, uniform trousers, jackets, cap insignia, official jewelry, etc., plus all 50th Anniversary items. A supply of CAPS lettered for all states will be available at the REGENCY HYATT HOUSE. COMPLETE STOCK OF BLAZERS AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE ONLY.

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M E E T I N G S

Standing Commissions and Committees

Americanism Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Essex Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: Daniel J. O'Connor, Jackson Heights, New York.

Americanism Screening Committee:

Aug. 20 and 21, 9:30 a.m., National Headquarters Office, Ivy Hall, motor lobby level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.

The American Legion—NEA Joint Committee:

Aug. 21 and 22, 9:30 a.m., The Tudor Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.

Child Welfare Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Grecian Suite, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Earl D. Franklin, Jr., Sterling, Colorado.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., National Judge Advocate's office, Ivy Hall, motor lobby level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Judge Alfonse F. Wells, Chicago, Illinois.

Contest Supervisory Committee Headquarters:

Aug. 11-28, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, 817 West Peachtree Street, N. E.

Contest Committee Meetings:

Aug. 20, 9:00 a.m., Georgia Suite, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m., Louisiana & Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
Aug. 22, 9:00 a.m., Louisiana & Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
Aug. 26, 11:00 a.m., Louisiana & Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
Chairman: Arthur W. Mazowiecki, Clifton, New Jersey.

Convention Commission:

Aug. 22-28, 9:30 a.m., The Van Dyck Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: James V. Demarest, New York.

Distinguished Guest Committee:

Aug. 22-28, 9:30 a.m., Distinguished Guest Headquarters Suite, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Al Starshak, Chicago, Illinois.

Economic Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., Plaza Room B, lobby level, Dinkler Plaza Hotel, 98 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Chairman: Clarence S. Campbell, Barre, Vermont.

Emblem Committee:

Aug. 21 and 22, 9:30 a.m., The Reubens Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Julius Levy, Washington, D.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Austrian Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Albert V. LaBiche, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Finance Commission:

Aug. 22-28, 10:00 a.m., National Adjutant's Suite, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Churchill T. Williams, Oelwein, Iowa.

Foreign Relations Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Italian Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Thomas E. Whelan, St. Thomas, North Dakota.

Internal Affairs Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The French Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: Donald J. Smith, St. Johns, Michigan.

Legislative Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The English Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: Clarence C. Horton, Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Membership and Post Activities Committee:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The York Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: William F. Gormley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

National Security Commission:

Aug. 21 and 22, Undergoing briefings and demonstrations at various Military Installations.

Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m., The Lancaster Room D, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: Emmett G. Lenihan, Seattle, Washington.

Publications Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Dutch Suite, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: James E. Powers, Macon, Georgia.

Public Relations Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., The Stuart Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Chairman: C. D. DeLoach, Alexandria, Virginia.

Rehabilitation Commission:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., Dinkler Room A, lobby level, Dinkler Plaza Hotel, 98 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Chairman: William F. Lenker, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

Aug. 21, 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., National Headquarters office, Ivy Hall, motor lobby level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

Aug. 21, 22, 23 and 24, National Headquarters office, Ivy Hall, motor lobby level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: Charles W. Griffith, Manning, South Carolina.

Task Force for the Future:

Aug. 22 and 23, 9:30 a.m., Executive Director's Suite, Regency Hyatt House Hotel.
Chairman: William E. Galbraith, Beemer, Nebraska.

Sons of The American Legion Workshop:

Aug. 25, 3:00 p.m., The York Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House Hotel. (This is a workshop and is open to participation by any member of the Sons of The American Legion, any American Legionnaire, or any American Legion Auxiliary member interested in SAL.)

National Executive Committee Meeting

Aug. 24, 2:00 P.M.

The Falcon Room, Regency Hyatt House Hotel

Chairman: National Commander William C. Doyle
Vineland, New Jersey

TOP PEANUT PRODUCER

While its famous peaches give the state its nickname, Georgia is by far the largest producer of peanuts, harvesting about 488,000 tons valued at about $110-million annually. This amount nearly triples the next largest peanut producer, North Carolina.

Georgia also is first in pecans and second in chickens and fourth among the states in tobacco.

The state ranks high in lumber production, and its output of pulpwood tops the nation. Georgia produces half the world's supply of turpentine.

Cotton is an important crop and provides raw material for the state's giant textile industries which manufacture nearly 75 per cent of the nation's tire cord and fabrics, as well as cotton goods.

Total farm receipts were $1.03-billion in 1967.

Meetings of Convention Committees

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of the Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairmen.

(Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.)

Americanism

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Essex Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Baseball and Recreation Sub-Committee):
Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m., The Essex Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Education Sub-Committee):
Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m., The Condor Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Immigration and Naturalization Sub-Committee):
Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m., The Condor Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Counter-Subversive Activities Sub-Committee):
Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m., The Condor Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Community Services and Youth Activities Sub-Committee):
Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m., The Condor Room, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.

Child Welfare

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Grecian Suite, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.

Constitutional Amendments

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Spanish Suite, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.

Credentials and Internal Affairs

(Credentials and Other Internal Matters):
Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The French Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

Credentials and Internal Affairs

(Membership):
Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Austrian Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

Economic

(Employment and Veterans Preference):
Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., Plaza Room B, lobby level, Dinkler Plaza Hotel.
(Other Economic Matters): Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., Sky Room, 14th floor, Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

Finance

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Dutch Suite, terrace level, Regency Hyatt House.

Foreign Relations

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The Italian Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

Legislation and Rules

Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., The English Suite, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

(Aeronautics and Space, Civil Defense, Merchant Marine, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs): Aug. 24, 10:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room D, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Aeronautics and Space): Aug. 24 and 25, 11:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room C, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Civil Defense): Aug. 24 and 25, 11:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room B, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Merchant Marine): Aug. 24 and 25, 11:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room A, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Military Affairs): Aug. 24 and 25, 11:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room D, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.
(Naval Affairs): Aug. 24 and 25, 11:00 a.m., The Tudor Room, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

Aug. 26, 9:00 a.m., The Lancaster Room D, exhibit level, Regency Hyatt House.

Rehabilitation

(Claims and Rating): Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., Dinkler Room A, lobby level, Dinkler Plaza Hotel.
(Hospitals and Medical Services): Aug. 24 and 25, 10:00 a.m., Panel Rooms, Mezzanine, Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

REUNIONS AND DINNERS

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S DINNER FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Phoenix Ballroom
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Tuesday, August 26—7:30 P.M.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION (ALPA)
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
Awards Banquet
Georgian Ballroom (Lobby Level)
Saturday, August 23—7:00 P.M.
Brunch (Executive Meeting)
Texas Suite (10th Floor)
Sunday, August 24—10:30 A.M.
Meeting and Election of Officers—2:00 P.M.
Texas Suite (10th Floor)

HISTORIANS' BREAKFAST
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Club Atlantis
Monday, August 25—8:00 A.M.

FODPAL
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Tudor Room
Breakfast Meeting—8:00 A.M.
Tuesday, August 26

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATES DINNER
Grand Ballroom
Marriott Motor Hotel
Wednesday, August 27—8:00 P.M.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LEGION FOUNDERS
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Saturday, August 23
3:00 P.M.—Business Meeting, Goya Suite
6:00 P.M.—Reception, Spanish Suite
7:00 P.M.—Dinner, Flemish Suite

PAST COMMANDERS' LUNCHEON
Phoenix Ballroom
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Monday, August 25
12:00 Noon

ANAVICUS
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Club Atlantis
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Sunday, August 24
10:30 A.M.—Business Meeting
11:30 A.M.—Cocktails
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon

EIGHT AND FORTY
Marriott Motor Hotel
LaMarche Nationale Banquet
Saturday, August 30—7:30 P.M.

NATIONAL YEOMEN F
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
The Reubens Room
Tuesday, August 26—9:00 A.M.
Reunions Breakfast

TWENTY AND FOUR
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
Committee Meetings & Registration
Friday and Saturday, August 22 & 23
Florida and Tennessee Suites
Annual Bivouac Banquet
Saturday, August 23
Texas Suite—7:30 P.M.

WORLD WAR NURSES
Georgia Suite
Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel
817 W. Peachtree Street, NE
Breakfast—8:00 A.M.
Monday, August 25

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S LUNCHEON
Club Atlantis
Regency Hyatt House Hotel
Monday, August 25, 12:00 Noon



Memorial Program

4:30 P.M.

Sunday, August 24, 1969

Atlanta Civic Center

ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORS

1969 Runner-up Color Guard

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

INVOCATION

Reverend Claude Smithmier
Department Chaplain
The American Legion of Georgia

PATRIOTIC SONGS

"This Is My Country"
"America The Beautiful"
"God Bless America"
The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary Combined Vocal Groups

ADDRESS

Rev. C. J. Olander (Mississippi)
National Chaplain, The American Legion

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

PLACING OF THE MEMORIAL WREATHS

THE AMERICAN LEGION—National Commander William C. Doyle, National Adjutant William F. Hauck

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LA BOUTIQUE DES HUIT ET QUARANTE FEMMES—Le Chapeau National Mrs. J. E. Allen, Le Secretaire Caissiere Mrs. Thomas N. Leervig

THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

The Combined Vocal Groups

BENEDICTION

Rev. John G. Lewis
Past Department Chaplain
The American Legion of Georgia

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For God and Country

The 1969 National Convention Commission



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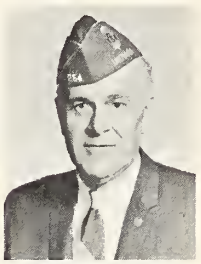
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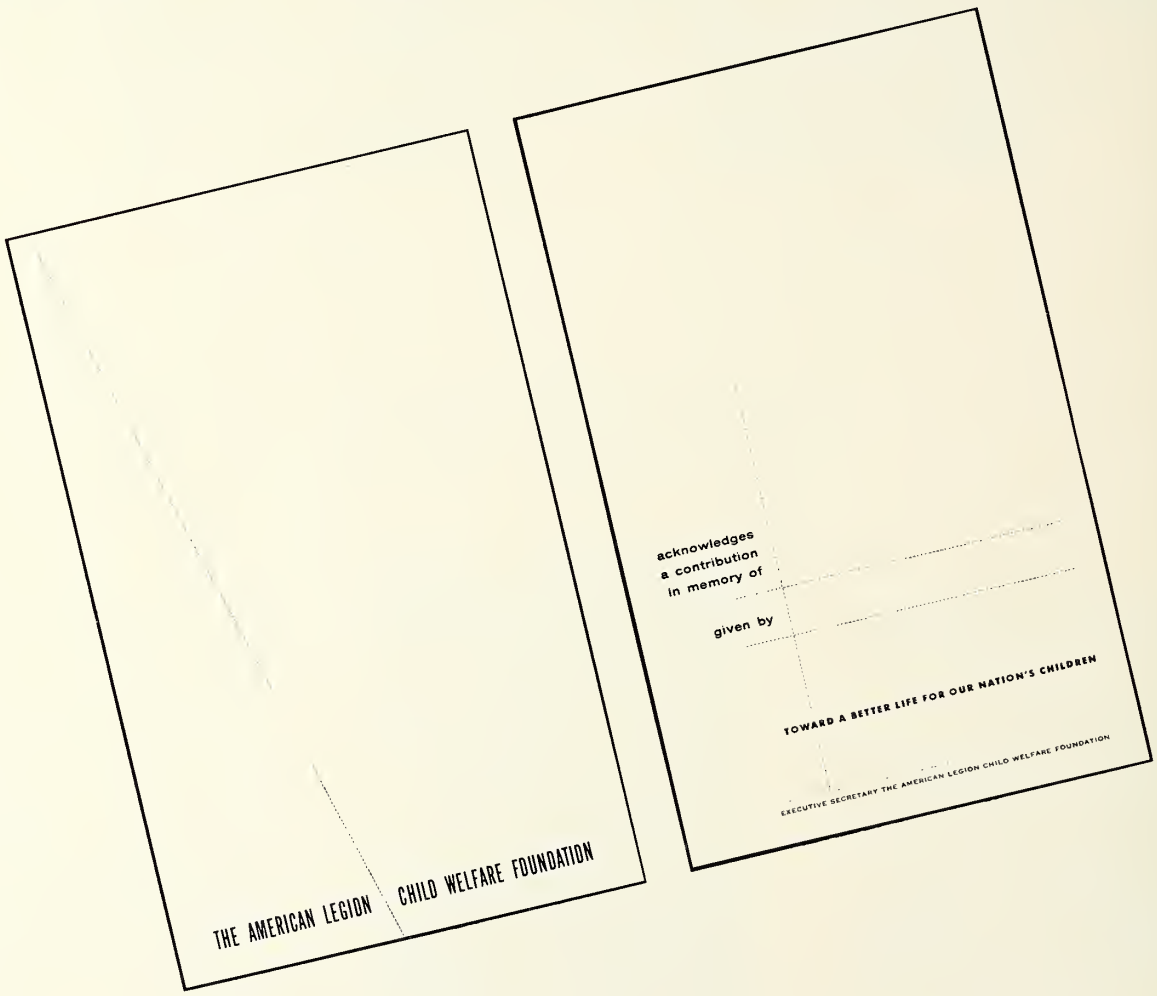


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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.

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It's never too late to send a memorial contribution to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Contributors to the Foundation provide a living memorial for departed friends and members by helping The American Legion finance vital research into the many serious problems affecting our nation's children and youth.

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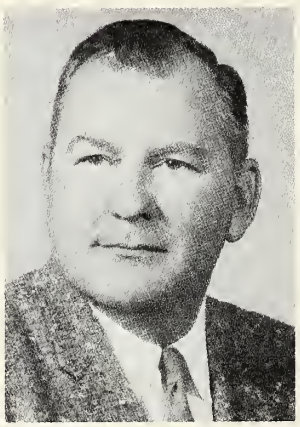
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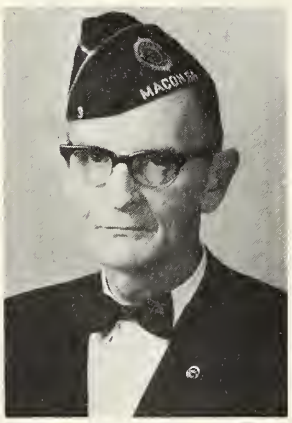
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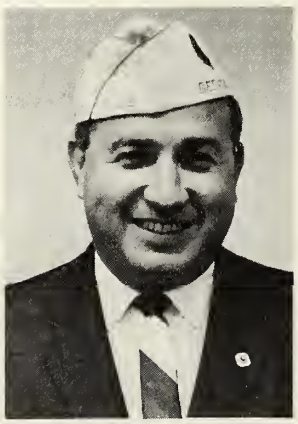
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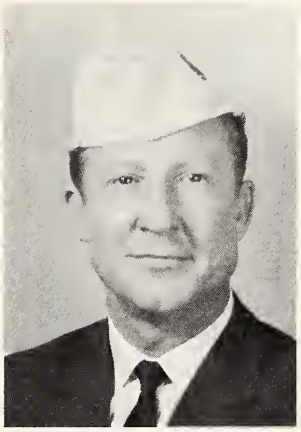
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DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS FINALS AND PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

7:00 P.M., SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1969

GEORGIA TECH STADIUM (GRANT FIELD)

See the 12 finest American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps compete for the National Championships.

During the evening, four new Ford automobiles will be presented to members of The American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary by the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion.

National Commander William C. Doyle will make the presentation of awards to the winning organizations.

GRAND FINALE

Admission

Reserved Section $2.50

General Admission $2.00

Coupon in Convention packet good for reduction of 50c on all purchases of tickets.

Transportation

Excellent public transportation available to and from Georgia Tech Stadium.

CONTEST MEETINGS

Representatives of the competing units will meet in the Louisiana and Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Friday, August 22, to receive final official information and instructions at the times indicated below:

1:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Bands
1:45 p.m. Choruses and Quartets
2:00 p.m. Motorcycle Drill Teams
2:15 p.m. Firing Squads
2:30 p.m. Senior Drum and Bugle Corps
3:00 p.m. Junior Drum and Bugle Corps and SAL
3:30 p.m. Senior and Junior Color Guards

Official Protest Hearings

11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, Louisiana and Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

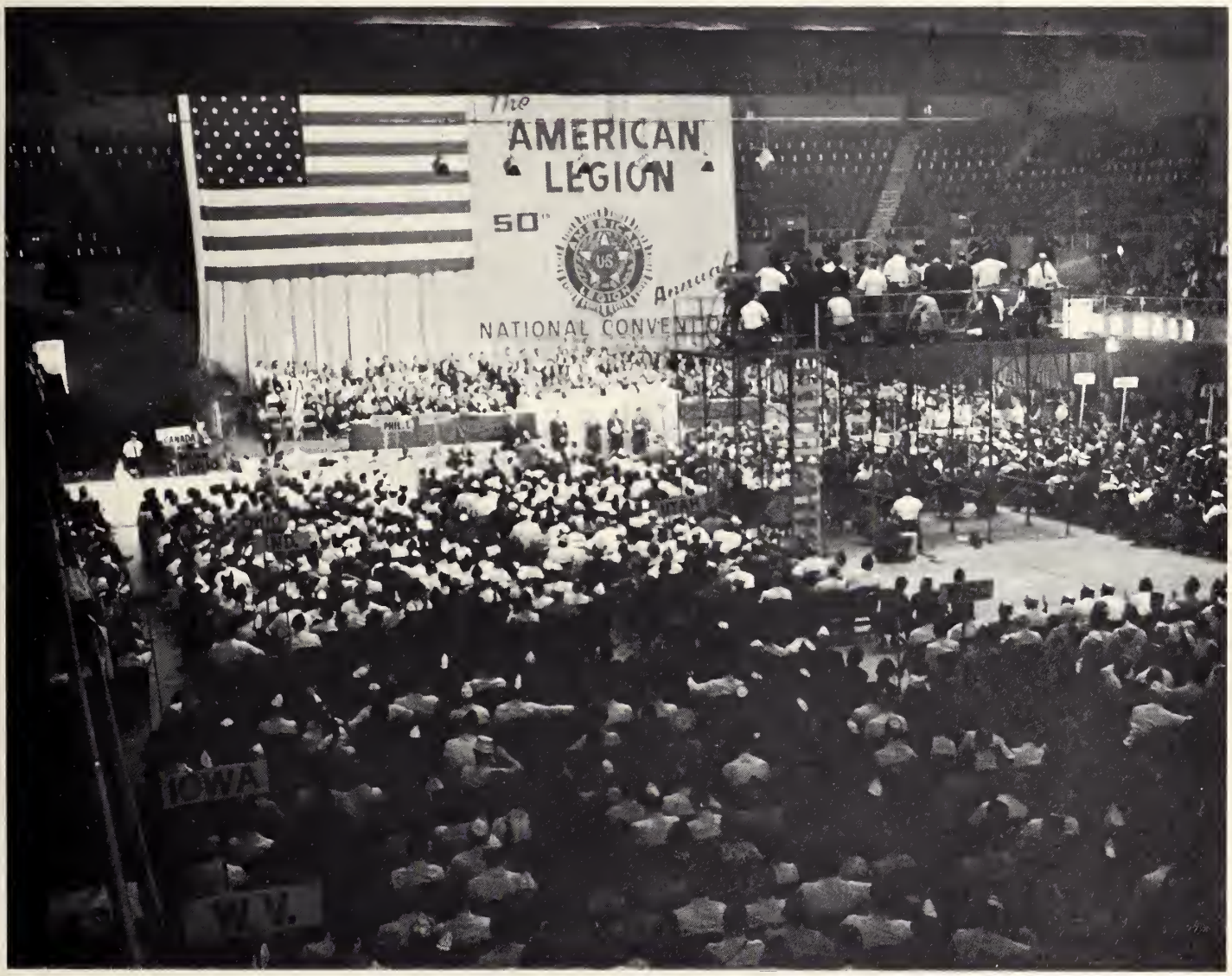
Briefing of Judges

5:00 p.m., Friday, August 22, Louisiana and Mississippi Suites, 10th floor, Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

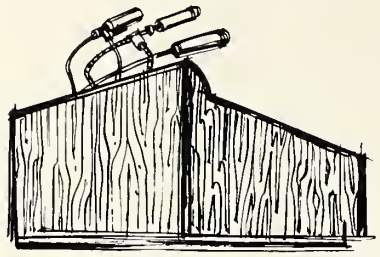
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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



The joint opening session of The American Legion's 50th Annual National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, Sept. 6-12, 1968, has a packed delegate seating section, a full press table and camera platform as President Lyndon B. Johnson addresses the Convention.

AGENDA
51ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
ATLANTA CIVIC CENTER



TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1969

8:30 a.m.

CONCERT
National Championship Band, A. R. McAllister Memorial Band, Joliet Post No. 1284, Joliet, Illinois

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS
National Championship Color Guard, First National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985, Chicago, Illinois

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
Dr. Paul McCommon, Soloist
Richard F. Cook, Accompanist

INVOCATION
Rev. C. J. Olander (Mississippi), National Chaplain

CALL FOR CONVENTION
William F. Hauck (Indiana), National Adjutant

9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta
The Honorable Lester G. Maddox, Governor of Georgia
Karl Conradi, Past Department Commander, Department of Georgia
George E. Osborne, President, The American Legion 1969 National Convention Corporation of Georgia

9:45 a.m.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME
William E. Galbraith (Nebraska), Past National Commander

10:00 a.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE
Invocation: Claude Smithmier, Department Chaplain, The American Legion, Department of Georgia.
Selection: "There is No Death"
Dr. Paul McCommon, Soloist
Richard F. Cook, Accompanist
Memorial Address, Rev. C. J. Olander (Mississippi), National Chaplain
Lighting of Convention Peace Candle

BENEDICTION
John G. Lewis, Past Department Chaplain
The American Legion, Department of Georgia

TAPS
Member, National Championship Color Guard

10:30 a.m.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER WILLIAM C. DOYLE

10:45 a.m.

GREETINGS
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell (California), National President, American Legion Auxiliary
Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Jack R. Fowler, National President, National Association of Collegiate Veterans, Inc.
Judge Levi M. Hall, National President, The Society of American Legion Founders
Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell, President, National Guard Association of the United States
John C. Lundberg, Dominion President, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada
Dr. Moreland Fort, Chief of Group Relations, The American National Red Cross

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS
By: Elmer L. Rustad, National Director, U. S. Savings Bonds Division, The Department of the Treasury
To. William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
By: Mrs. M. Boydston Satterfield, Member, National Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Girl Scouts of the United States of America
To: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
By: Robert L. Billington, Assistant Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America
To: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander

11:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, the city in which the 1968 National Convention was held
By: James E. Powers (Georgia), Past National Commander
To: The Honorable Victor H. Schiro, Mayor of New Orleans, Louisiana

12:00-noon

PRESENTATION
Child Welfare Foundation Check for 3rd Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital, Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam
By: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
To: Major General Raymond G. Davis, United States Marine Corps

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12:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION of Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs

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American Legion Baseball Player of the Year—Donald Hardy Castle (Tennessee)

Outstanding Boy of Boys' Clubs of America—Perry J. Ludy (California)

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

12:30 p.m.

CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS
(except resolutions)

LEGISLATION AND RULES
(except resolutions)

12:45 p.m.

PRESENTATION
By: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
To: Paul W. Thompson, Executive Vice President, Reader's Digest

1:00 p.m.

ADDRESS
The Honorable Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense

SALUTE TO COLORS

Recess

7:30 p.m.

National Commander Doyle's Dinner to Distinguished Guests

Place: Phoenix Ballroom, Regency Hyatt House Hotel

Speaker: Pat O'Brien
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1969

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION
Rev. C. J. Olander (Mississippi), National Chaplain

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

9:15 a.m.

CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS
Credentials and Other Internal Matters
Membership

9:30 a.m.

LEGISLATION AND RULES

9:45 a.m.

ADDRESS
George Meany, President, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

10:15 a.m.

AMERICANISM

10:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION
William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy
By: David P. Sentner, Hearst Newspapers
To: Winning Department

PRESENTATION
Vigilant Patriot Award
By: W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Chairman Vigilant Patriots Awards Committee, All-American Conference to Combat Communism
To: The American Legion's FIRING LINE

11:00 a.m.

ADDRESS
General John D. Ryan, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

11:30 a.m.

REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services

12:00 noon

ADDRESS
W. P. Gullander, President, National Association of Manufacturers

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

12:30 p.m.

ECONOMIC
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

12:45 p.m.

PRESENTATION
National Commander's Public Relations Award
By: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
To: Department of Alabama, Andrew J. Cooper, Past Department Commander

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1:00 p.m.

CHILD WELFARE

1:15 p.m.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1:30 p.m.

FINANCE

1:45 p.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

2:00 p.m.

TASK FORCE FOR THE FUTURE

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1969

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION
Rev. C. J. Olander (Mississippi), National Chaplain

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

9:15 a.m.

NATIONAL SECURITY
- Military
- Naval
- Aeronautics and Space
- Civil Defense
- Merchant Marine

9:45 a.m.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

10:30 a.m.

ADDRESS
Colonel Frank Borman, USAF, Field Director, Space Station Task Group, NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas

11:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION
The American Legion Fourth Estate Award
By: William C. Doyle (New Jersey), National Commander
To: George W. Healy, Jr., Executive Editor, The Times-Picayune Publishing Corporation, New Orleans, Louisiana
To: Raymond J. McHugh, Vice President and Washington Bureau Chief, Copley News Service, Washington, D.C.

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER
By: William E. Galbraith (Nebraska), Past National Commander
Response by: William C. Doyle, National Commander

12:00 noon

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
- National Commander
- Five (5) National Vice Commanders
- National Chaplain

1:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO INCOMING NATIONAL COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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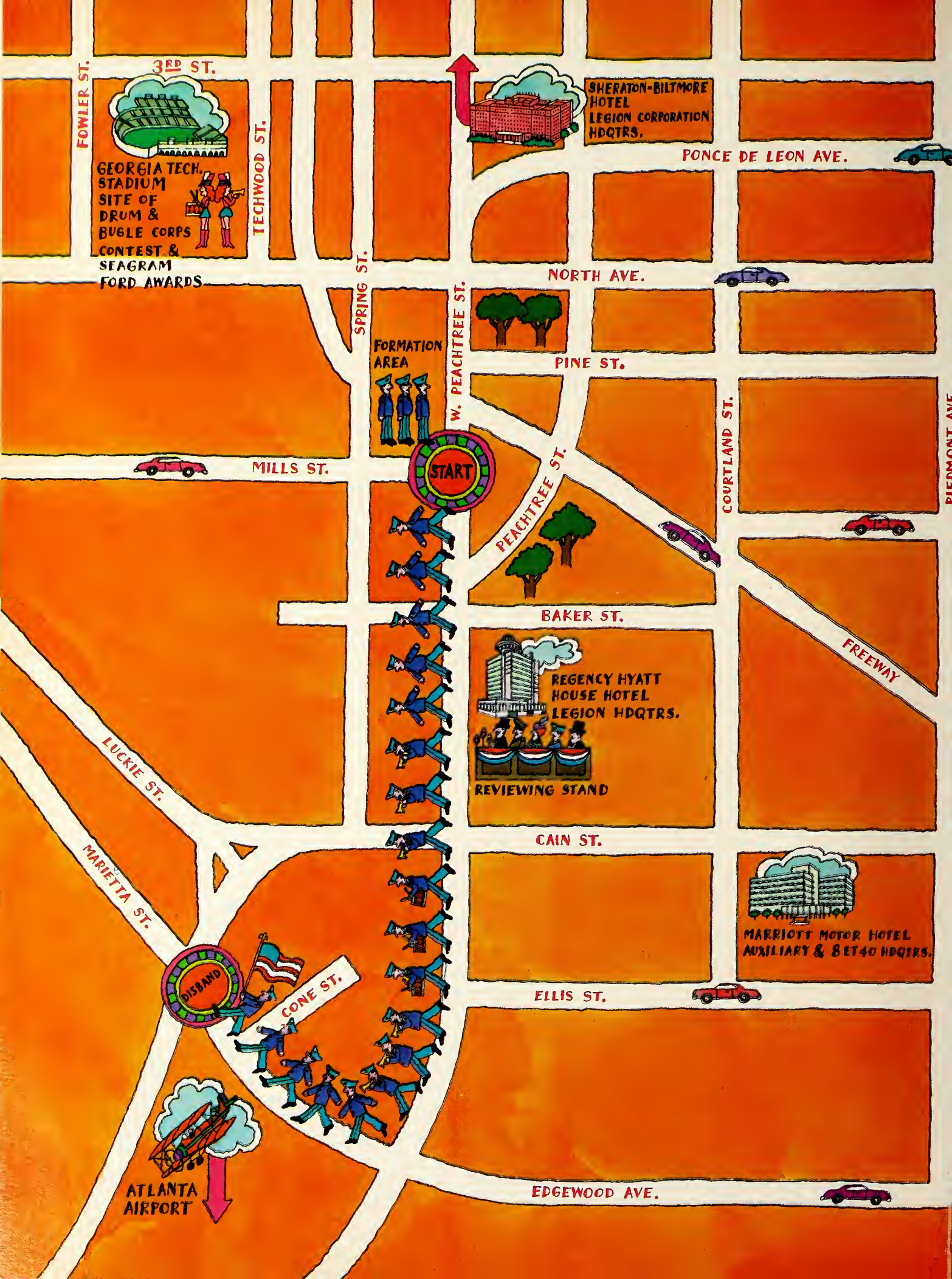
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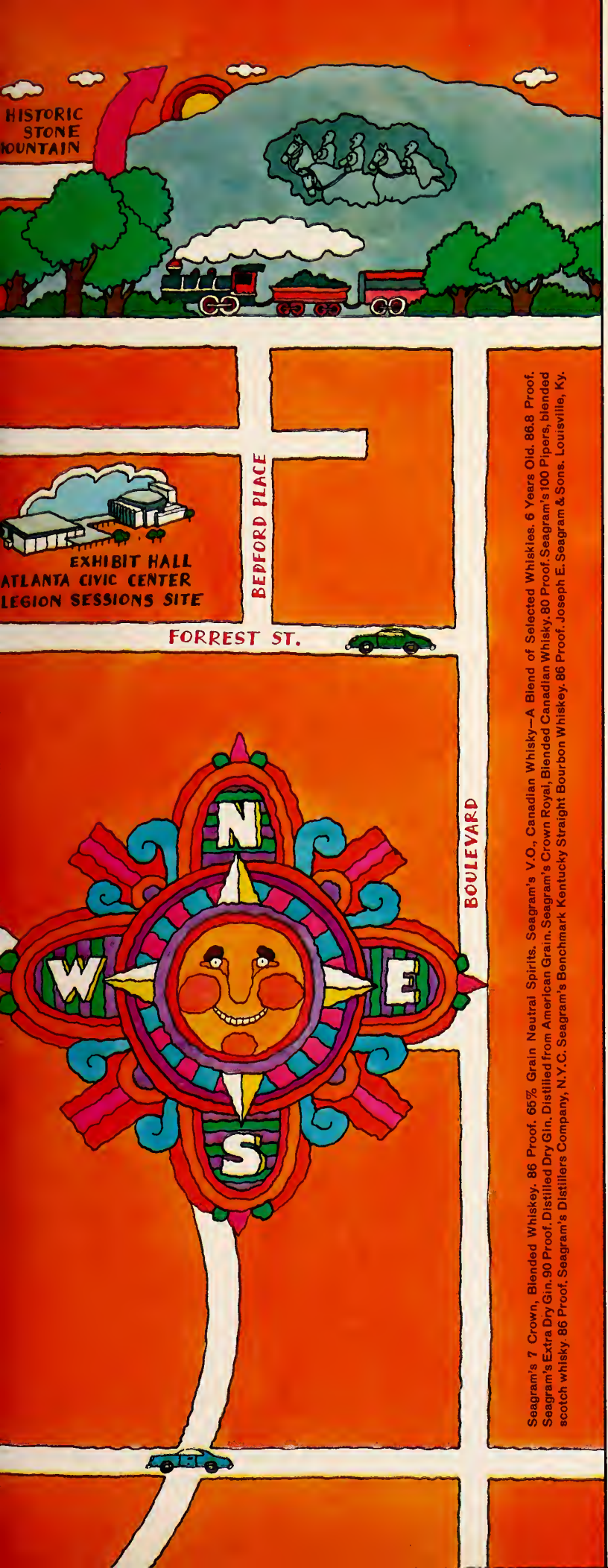
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Trained First Aid volunteers and Red Cross volunteer nurses will staff a total of 14 first aid stations through the convention.

There will be stations at Piedmont Park for the Junior and Senior Color Guard contest; the finals at Rose Bowl Field; the Junior and Senior Drum & Bugle Corps contest at North Springs High School; and at the Atlanta Civic Center during the convention session.

Radio equipped Red Cross Mobile emergency units will serve as first aid stations during the contests and during the parade. A total of eight stations will be set up for the parade.

The activities will be coordinated from the Chapter headquarters at 848 Peachtree Street, N.E., and will involve over 150 Red Cross volunteers.

Mr. Wendell R. Campbell, Chairman of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter First Aid Committee and Dr. James E. Averett have been responsible for the planning of the first aid service.

GEORGIA GEOGRAPHY

Georgia, the largest state East of the Mississippi River, is bounded on the North by Tennessee and North Carolina, on the East by South Carolina and the Atlantic Ocean, on the South by Florida, and on the West by Alabama.

The Appalachian Mountains in the Northeast, the elongated plateaus of Northwest, the Piedmont region of central Georgia, the Coastal Plain and the coast make up the geographical divisions of the state.

On the West and South of the Appalachians, the high mountain terrain ends in a sudden drop of 500 to 2,000 feet. One of the world's largest deposits of marble, used as ornamental building stone, is found in this area.

Georgia's coast, stretching nearly 100 miles, is bordered by the famed Sea Islands, separated from the mainland by a series of lagoons, sounds and narrow channels which are navigable by small craft.

Much of the pecan and peanut producers are scattered through the Coastal Plains. Here also is the state's important commercial forests which supply great naval stores and pulpwood industries. Okefenokee Swamp, parts of which have never been explored, also lies in this section.

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***Alvin M. Owsley**
Texas 1922-23

John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

***James A. Drain**
District of Columbia 1924-25

***John R. McQuigg**
Ohio 1925-26

***Howard P. Savage**
Illinois 1926-27

***Edward E. Spafford**
New York 1927-28

***Paul V. McNutt**
Indiana 1928-29

***O. Lee Bodenhamer**
Arkansas 1929-30

***Ralph T. O'Neil**
Kansas 1930-31

Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolina 1931-32

***Louis Johnson**
West Virginia 1932-33

***Edward A. Hayes**
Illinois 1933-34

***Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.**
California 1934-35

Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

***Milo J. Warner**
Ohio 1940-41

Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

***Roane Waring**
Tennessee 1942-43

Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

***Edward N. Scheiberling**
New York 1944-45

***John Stelle**
Illinois 1945-46

Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

***Lewis K. Gough**
California 1952-53

***Arthur J. Connell**
Connecticut 1953-54

Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis
North Dakota 1966-67

William E. Galbraith
Nebraska 1967-68

Past National Commanders by Vote of National Convention

***Bennett Champ Clark**
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus March 1919

***Milton J. Foreman**
Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris

***Henry D. Lindsley**
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus May 1919

***Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.**
New York

***Eric Fisher Wood**
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro Tempore Paris Caucus March 1919

Honorary National Commanders

***General John J. Pershing**
***Marshal Ferdinand Foch**

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* Deceased

** Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander

*** Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

Distinguished Service Medal



PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON

Marshal Ferdinand Foch
of France—1921

Adm. Earl Beatty
of Great Britain—1921

Gen. Baron Jacques
of Belgium—1921

Gen. Armando Diaz
of Italy—1921

Charles Bertrand
of France—1921

Gen. of the Armies
John J. Pershing
1922

Adm. Robert E. Coontz
1923

Gen. Josef Haller
of Poland—1923

Ignace Jan Paderewski
of Poland—1926

Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean
of France—1927

Field Marshal Viscount Allenby
of Great Britain—1928

Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis
1929

Adm. William S. Sims
1930

Gen. Douglas MacArthur
1942

Gen. George C. Marshall
1943

Adm. Ernest J. King
1943

Hon. Frank Knox
(Posthumously)—1944

Henry Ford
1944

Gen. H. H. Arnold
1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
(Posthumously)—1945

Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
(Posthumously)—1945

Ernest (Ernie) Pyle
(Posthumously)—1945

Hon. Henry L. Stimson
1945

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz
1945

Gen. of the Army
Dwight D. Eisenhower
1945

J. Edgar Hoover
1946

Bob Hope
1946

William Randolph Hearst
1946

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey
1946

Hon. Cordell Hull
1946

Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen
1947

Sen. Edward Martin
1947

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson
1947

President Harry S. Truman
1949

George Herman (Babe) Ruth
(Posthumously)—1949

Maj. Gen. Frank Parker
(Posthumously)—1949

Charles F. Johnson, Jr.
1950

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord
1950

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers
1950

Gen. Charles P. Summerall
1951

Rep. Royal C. Johnson
(Posthumously)—1953

Maj. Gen. George A. White
(Posthumously)—1954

Dr. Jonas E. Salk
1955

Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh
1955

Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone
1956

Charles Stewart Mott
1956

Gen. Mark W. Clark
1957

The Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen
1957

Bernard Mannes Baruch
1958

Unknown Servicemen of
World War I, World War II,
and Korea, interred at the
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,
Arlington National Cemetery
1958

Sen. Robert S. Kerr
1959

President John F. Kennedy
1961

Gen. Lucius D. Clay
1962

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley
(Posthumously)—1962

Francis Cardinal Spellman
1963

Dr. Charles W. Mayo
1964

President Herbert C. Hoover
(Posthumously)—1965

Hon. James F. Byrnes
1965

Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon
1966

Hon. Tom C. Clark
1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson
1968

Gen. William C. Westmoreland
1968


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Anniversary
1919–
1969

This is how a great bourbon salutes the 50th anniversary of The American Legion

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The American Legion
1969 National Convention Corporation of Georgia

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Chairman

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Forrest W. Rhodes
Chairman

Distinguished Guests



Edward D. Jensen
Chairman

Distinguished Guests



Harvey W. Hull
Vice Chairman

Equipment Procurement



Frank J. Thomas
Chairman

Halls & Seating



Williard L. Dawson
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Chairman

Contests



James B. (Jimmy) Chambers
Chairman

Entertainment Coupon



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Chairman

Parade



L. W. McPherson
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Rev. Claude Smithmier
Chairman

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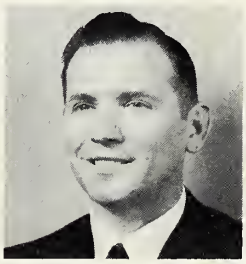
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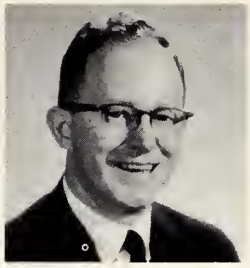
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Concessions



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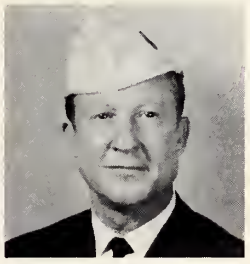
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Supt. George A. Royal
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Lt. C. V. Forrester,
Vice Chairman

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
Atlanta, Georgia

Sunday, August 24, 1969

8:00 A.M.

PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tara Suites 1 and 2

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PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(All in the Marriott Motor Hotel execpt Music Committee Meeting and Contest.)

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9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

AMERICANISM—Tara Suites 3 and 4
Mrs. R. L. Parker, Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—Tara Suite 5
Mrs. Russell V. Baker, Chairman

CREDENTIALS—Hickory Hill Suite
Mrs. Melvin Goode, Chairman

NATIONAL SECURITY—Plantation Suite
Mrs. T. G. Chilton, Chairman

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—Hermitage Suite—Central
Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS—Hermitage Suite—East
Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, Chairman

REHABILITATION—Grand Ballroom
Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, Chairman

RULES—Hermitage Suite—West
Mrs. Donald Keinholz, Chairman

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11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

CHILD WELFARE—Tara Suites 1 and 2
Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, Chairman

LEGISLATIVE—Tara Suites 3 and 4
Mrs. Merrill K. Smith, Chairman

POPPY—Tara Suite 5
Mrs. Vincent A. Holden, Chairman

LEADERSHIP TRAINING—Grand Ballroom
Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP—Plantation Suite
Mrs. Alan M. Schanel, Chairman

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11:00 A.M.-12:45 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS—Hermitage Suite—Central
Mrs. Richard Gearhart, Chairman

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES—Hermitage Suite—West
Mrs. James E. Warner, Chairman

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS—Hermitage Suite—East
Mrs. Walter Stolte, Chairman

HISTORIANS—Hickory Hill Suite
Mrs. Joseph R. Bass, National Historian

1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

FOREIGN RELATIONS—Plantation Suite
Mrs. Paul Brown, Chairman

GIRLS STATE—Tara Suites 1 and 2
Mrs. Stanley A. Staidl, Chairman

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12:45 P.M.-2:30 P.M.

CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING—Hermitage Suite—Central
Mrs. Malley T. O'Connor, Chairman

PASTS PRESIDENTS PARLEY—Hermitage Suite—East
Mrs. L. D. Johnson, Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Hermitage Suite—West
Mrs. Lynn Ransdell, Chairman

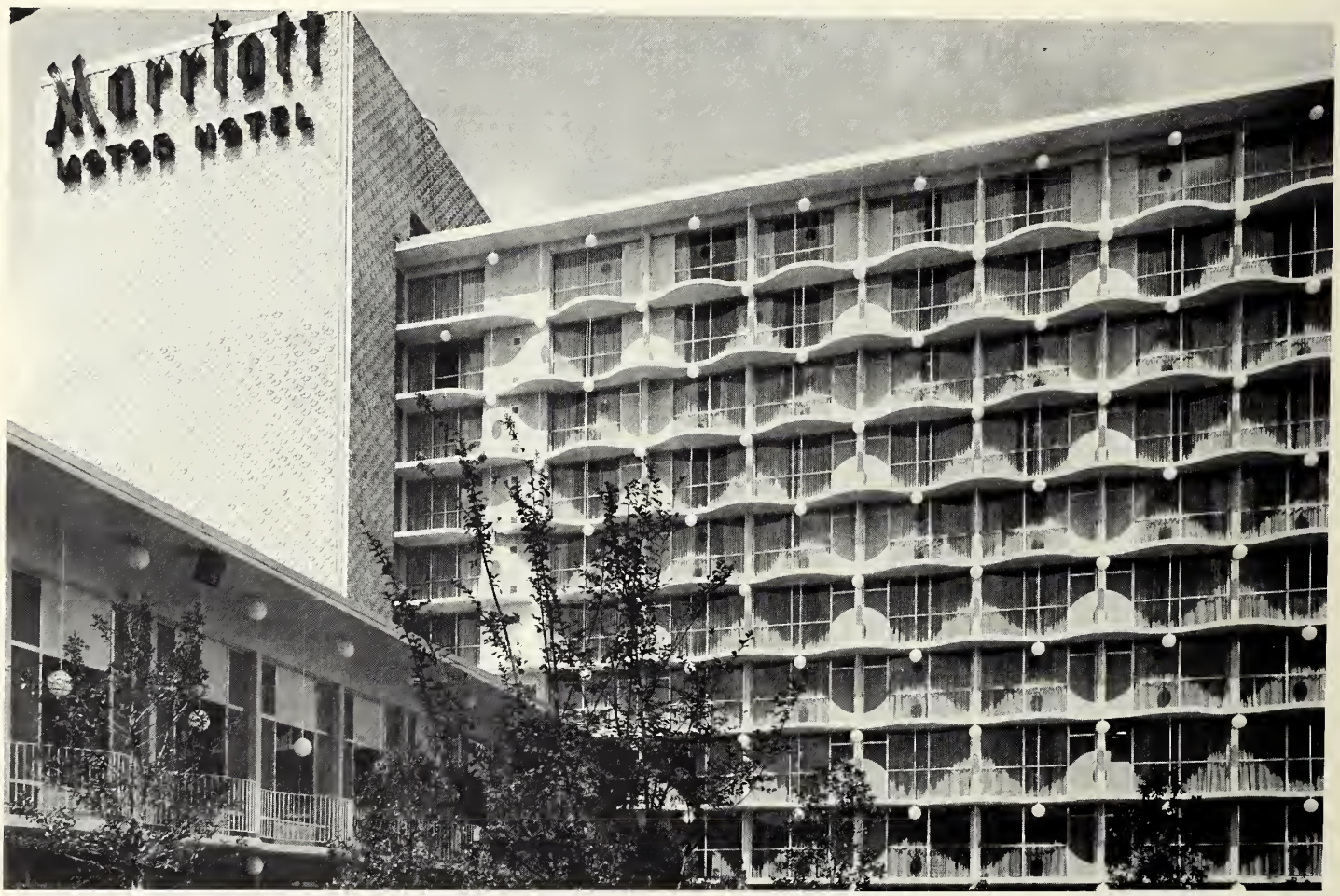
CHAPLAINS—Hickory Hill Suite
Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain

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1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

FINANCE—Tara Suites 3 and 4
Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS—Tara Suite 5
Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman



THE MARRIOTT MOTOR HOTEL will be headquarters hotel for the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary to be conducted in Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 22-28, simultaneously with the Annual National Convention of The American Legion. The Auxiliary States Dinner, highlight social function of the Auxiliary Convention, also will be held here.

2:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY—Hermitage Suite
Mrs. Walter H. Glynn, Chairman

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PAGES REHEARSAL
1:00-3:00 P.M.
Rehearsal—National and Department Pages
Grand Ballroom

PAGES TEA
Grand Ballroom
3:00-4:00 P.M.

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MUSIC COMMITTEE

Pre-Convention Music Committee Meeting
2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Room 201
Atlanta Civic Center
Mrs. Chester Hauge, Chairman

Music Contests
Trios, Quartettes, Sextettes, Choruses
9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon
Auditorium
Atlanta Civic Center
395 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30383

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4:30 P.M.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE
Auditorium, Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30383

Welcome from Atlanta Transit System
We invite you to use the following services

(1) **Shuttle Buses to Grant Field for the Drum and Bugle Corps Finals** Sunday, August 24
Operates from the Downtown Area from beginning till close of contest (Includes continuous service during contest).

(2) **Shuttle Buses to Civic Center** August 26-28
Operates continuously from the Downtown Area.

(3) **Special Sightseeing Tours** August 23-27
Conducted tours leave Regency and Marriott Hotels and Broad and Peachtree Street at 10:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. (See Discount Coupons in this Book).

(4) **Shuttle Buses to Atlanta Stadium** Saturday, August 23
For the professional football game between the Atlanta Falcons and the Washington Redskins at 8:00 P.M.

Stadium Shuttle buses operate from Downtown Area continuously from 6:30 P.M. until end of game.

(5) **Daily Express Buses to "Six Flags Over Georgia"**
Operate from the Downtown Area to Six Flags amusement park. Leave downtown hourly on the hour—return hourly on the half-hour.

FOR INFORMATION CALL 524-2492—ATLANTA TRANSIT SYSTEM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
Grand Ballroom—Marriott Motor Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1969

9:00 A.M.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

"The Golden Harvest"

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CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, National Convention Chairman

ESCORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT, MRS. ARTHUR B. HANELL

CONVENTION PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President, Presiding — Miss Inez Martin, Convention Organist

(Order of Processional: Past National Presidents,
National Officers,
Department and National Colors)

INVOCATION — Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain

Moment of Silence in Memory of our Departed

Pledge of Allegiance — Led by Mrs. R. L. Parker,
National Americanism Chairman

"The Star-Spangled Banner" — Sung by Mr. Don Mize
Accompanist: Miss Inez Martin

Preamble to the Constitution — Led by Mrs. Russell V. Baker,
National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

Welcome — Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

National Commander William C. Doyle, The American Legion

National Adjutant William F. Hauck, The American Legion

Mr. George Osborne, 1969 National Convention Corporation President

Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, National Convention Chairman

Mrs. Francis B. Hunter, Department President, Department of Georgia

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta

GREETINGS OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Vice Presidents:

Mrs. William N. Gill, Central Division

Mrs. Charles M. Bosley, Northwestern Division

Miss Vivian Titus, Eastern Division

Mrs. Clarence Cumberland, Southern Division

Mrs. David Kealoha, Western Division

Mrs. Joseph R. Bass, National Historian

Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain

Miss Doris Anderson, National Secretary

Mrs. Myner Freeman, National Treasurer

Mrs. O. L. Koger, National Parliamentarian

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INTRODUCTION OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. John William Macauley
Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen
Mrs. Wm. H. Biester, Jr.
Mrs. Albin Charles Carlson
Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn
Mrs. James Morris
Mrs. William H. Corwith
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill
Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith
Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert
Mrs. Walter G. Craven
Mrs. Norton H. Pearl
Mrs. Lee W. Hutton
Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe
Mrs. Willis C. Reed
Mrs. E. A. Campbell
Mrs. Harold S. Burdett
Mrs. Carl W. Zeller
Mrs. J. Pat Kelly
Mrs. Alexander H. Gray
Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller
Mrs. J. Howard McKay
Mrs. O. L. Koger
Mrs. L. D. Johnson
Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews
Mrs. Walter H. Glynn
Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr.

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS:

Mrs. Vernon H. Randall, Junior Past National President

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTIONS

National Chairman of Pages, Mrs. Lois W. Todd
National Vice Chairman of Pages, Mrs. LaVerne Boggs

PERSONAL PAGES TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Florence Murphy
Mrs. Apau Kong
Mrs. Donald Curtis
Mrs. Ruth Ewing
Mrs. Richard E. Presley
Mrs. Armin Tews

12:00 NOON—RECESS

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1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President

MUSICAL CONCERT—3rd Army Band
Under the direction of CWO J. J. Gillis, U.S.A.

GIRL SCOUT FLAG CEREMONY

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION	Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, Chairman
RULES	Mrs. Donald Kienholz, Chairman
CREDENTIALS	Mrs. Melvin Goode, Chairman

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL HISTORIAN	Mrs. Joseph R. Bass
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN	Mrs. George Batten

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

AMERICANISM	Mrs. R. L. Parker, Chairman
CHILD WELFARE	Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, Chairman
CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING	Mrs. Malley T. O'Connor, Chairman

GREETING
Mr. John E. Davis, Director of Civil Defense

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS
Winning Trios, Quartettes, Sextettes, Choruses

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

COMMUNICATIONS	Mrs. Richard Gearhart, Chairman
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Mrs. Lynn Ransdell, Chairman

GREETING
Mr. William E. Galbraith, Deputy Under Secretary for
Congressional Relations, Department of Agriculture

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS Amendments	Mrs. Russell V. Baker, Chairman

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Conducted by Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain
Tribute to Mrs. Melville Mucklestone — Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe, Past National President

RECESS

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4:45 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

OPEN TO DELEGATES, ALTERNATES AND GUESTS

COLOR FILM "A GIFT TO THE NATION"
Photographed in Washington, D.C. at the time of the 50th Anniversary Ceremony of The American Legion and includes the "Lighting of the Tomb of the Unknowns."

6:30 P.M.

THE AMERICAN LEGION PARADE

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1969

8:15 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL	Miss Inez Martin, Convention Organist

8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President
INVOCATION	Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. R. L. Parker, National Americanism Chairman
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"	Sung by Mr. Percy Gash Accompanied by: Miss Inez Martin
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Led by Mrs. Russell V. Baker, National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS Amendments	Mrs. Russell V. Baker, Chairman
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FINANCE	Mrs. Henry Ahnemiller, Chairman
FOREIGN RELATIONS	Mrs. Paul Brown, Chairman
GIRLS STATE	Mrs. Stanley A. Staidl, Chairman
ADDRESS	President, 1969 Girls Nation
SALUTE TO FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS	Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith, Past National President
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	Mrs. James E. Warner, Chairman
LEADERSHIP TRAINING	Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE	Mrs. Merrill K. Smith, Chairman

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11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

JOINT SESSION WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION

Auditorium—Atlanta Civic Center

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DIVISIONAL RECEPTIONS AND CAUCUSES

1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Receptions Honoring Candidates for National Vice President, 1969-1970

3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Divisional Caucuses

CENTRAL DIVISION—Tara Suites 3, 4 and 5

EASTERN DIVISION—Tara Suites 1 and 2

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION—Plantation Suite

SOUTHERN DIVISION—Grand Ballroom North

WESTERN DIVISION—Hermitage Suite

4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.

Reception honoring 50-year members

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1969

8:15 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL	Miss Inez Martin, Convention Organist

8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President
INVOCATION	Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. R. L. Parker, National Americanism Chairman
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"	Sung by Miss Karen Davis Accompanist: Miss Inez Martin
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Led by Mrs. Russell V. Baker, National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

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NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

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GREETING

The Honorable Lester G. Maddox, Governor of Georgia

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

MEMBERSHIP	Mrs. Alan M. Schanel, Chairman
MUSIC	Mrs. Chester Hauge, Chairman
NATIONAL SECURITY	Mrs. T. G. Chilton, Chairman
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY	Mrs. L. D. Johnson, Chairman
POPPY	Mrs. Vincent Holden, Chairman
PUBLICATIONS	Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, Chairman

PRESENTATION OF 1968-1969 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

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12:45-1:00 P.M.

ORGAN RECITAL — Miss Inez Martin, Convention Organist

1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER — Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President

PROGRAM — The Star Spangled Pageant
Presented by U.S. Women's Army Corps Exhibit Team
Officer in Charge: Lt. Col. I. S. Connolly, U.S.A.
Music by 3d Army Band Combo
Under the direction of C.W.O. J. J. Gillis, U.S.A.

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REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

REHABILITATION — Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, Chairman

GREETING

Mr. Donald Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

WOMEN'S FORUM ON NATIONAL SECURITY	Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith, Chairman
LIAISON WITH CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION	Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, Chairman
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY	Mrs. Walter H. Glynn, Chairman
TASK FORCE FOR THE FUTURE	Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., Chairman

GREETING AND REPORT

Mrs. J. E. Allen, Le Chapeau National, Eight and Forty

GREETINGS OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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8:00 P.M.

STATES DINNER—Grand Ballroom

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1969

8:15 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

ORGAN RECITAL	Miss Inez Martin, Convention Organist

8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President
INVOCATION	Mrs. George Batten, National Chaplain
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mrs. R. L. Parker, National Americanism Chairman
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"	Sung by Henry E. Ragland Accompanist: Miss Inez Martin
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION	Led by Mrs. Russell V. Baker, National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

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ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1969-1970

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INTRODUCTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	By Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, National Convention Chairman

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GOLDEN AWARDS CEREMONIES

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ADDRESS: "Destined or Determined"	Mr. Richard G. Capen, Jr. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
RESOLUTIONS	Resolutions Committee Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman Mrs. Donald L. Carlson, Member Mrs. L. J. P. Fichthorn, Member

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FINAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CREDENTIALS	Mrs. Melvin Goode, Chairman
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	Mrs. Russell V. Baker, National Constitution and Bylaws Chairman

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1969-1970
Mrs. Walter H. Glynn, Installing Officer

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PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO THE RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Past National President

BENEDICTION
Mrs. George Batten, Retiring National Chaplain

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

ADJOURNMENT
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, Retiring National President

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2:00-4:00 P.M.
POST CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tara Suites 1 and 2

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1969 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICERS

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Mrs. J. Pat Kelly

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Mrs. E. M. Lowery

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AND
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Mrs. Gladys Kiker, Vice-Chairman

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Mrs. R. C. Brower, Vice-Chairman

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Mrs. V. P. Mitcham, Vice-Chairman

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Mrs. La Verne Boggs, Chairman
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Mrs. Talitha Russell, Chairman

STAGE
Mrs. L. W. Smith, Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Butts, Vice-Chairman

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Mrs. Bernard Starke, Chairman

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Mrs. H. C. Badders, Chairman
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Mrs. E. M. Lowery, Chairman

GEORGIA'S GOLDEN ERA

The history buff strikes a rich lode when he starts digging into Georgia's early gold mining history.

Reminders of a day when gold mining was a profitable, early venture is the dome of Georgia's beautiful State Capitol in Atlanta. The dome is gilded with 43 ounces of Georgia gold donated by the residents of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County, the area of the nation's first gold rush.

In 1828, Dahlonega in northeast Georgia was the scene of America's first gold rush, pre-dating California's more famous gold rush by over two decades.

Ten years after the Georgia gold rush, in 1838, the government built a mint at the settlement which took its name from the Cherokee word, "Talonega," meaning yellow money. The mint coined more than $6-million in gold before it was abandoned in 1861. Over $40-million in gold ore, it has been estimated, was taken from Dahlonega area gold fields.

No commercial prospecting is carried on at present, but tourists are given the opportunity to try their hand at panning for gold in area creeks. A pioneer gold panning museum is in operation at the original Crown Mountain Mine machine shop. This is a large barn-like structure with a dirt floor. Original equipment is on display.

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(4½ Hours)

3 Hours at Historic
Stone Mountain
Park

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Atlanta Transit—524-2492

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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BEAUTIFUL ATLANTA TOUR
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Cyclorama
Memorial Art Center
Northside Residential

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August 29th and 30th, 1969

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REGISTRATION

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Monday, August 25, 1969.....4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 28, 1969.....3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday, August 29, 1969.....9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 28, 1969

PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CHILD WELFARE and NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL LIAISON

Mrs. James W. Collins *and*
Mrs. Mayro Cox, *Chairmen*
Plantation Suite—3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

Mrs. A. L. La Vaque, *Chairman*
Suite 3—3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, *Chairman*
Hermitage West—4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

FINANCE

Mrs. Leo C. Colton, *Chairman*

PARTNERSHIP

Mrs. Earl B. Bigalow, *Chairman*
Hermitage West—3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Mrs. William J. Schlau, *Chairman*
Suite 3—4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS—

Mrs. Grace Ault, *Chairman*
Suite 4—4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

RITUALS and EMBLEMS

Mrs. Weta Mae Elkins, *Chairman*
Suite 4—3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

RULES and ORDER

Mrs. Lois Lansdale, *Chairman*
Hermitage Central—3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Owen W. Gleason, *Chairman*
Hermitage Central—4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

TROPHY PLAQUES and AWARDS

Mrs. Stanley E. White, *Chairman*
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

HISTORY and TROPHY PLAQUE DISPLAY

Hickory Hill Suite—Thursday P.M. and Friday

REHEARSAL—LA CONCIERGE—LES MARECHALS—PAGES

Ballroom Center—4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR

Marriott Motor Hotel—Plantation Suite—Thursday, August 28, 1969—7:30 P.M.

DIVISIONAL BREAKFASTS
Friday, August 29, 1969—8:30 A.M.

Eastern Division ..... Suite 2
Southern Division ..... Suite 3
Central Division ..... Suite 1
Northwestern Division ..... Suite 4
Western Division ..... Suite 5

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

Follow Divisional Breakfasts

Friday, August 29, 1969

Same Room as Divisional Breakfasts

LA MARCHE NATIONALE

Marriott Motor Hotel—Ballroom North

Opening Session—Friday, August 29, 1969—1:30 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Carl A. Gamble, Le Demi Chapeau National, Southern Division, *presiding*

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jerome E. Allen, Le Chapeau National

INVOCATION

Miss Dorothy M. Dolle, L'Aumonier National

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mrs. Lucien J. Landry, LaConcierge Nationale

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Thomas N. Leervig, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

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Mrs. Earlene A. Wolf, Le Demi Chapeau National

AMERICA'S ANSWER

Mrs. Edward Marshall, Le Demi Chapeau National

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Thomas N. Leervig, LaSecretaire Nationale

READING OF CALL TO LA MARCHE NATIONALE 1969

READING OF THE MINUTES OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE OF 1968

GREETINGS

Mrs. O. B. Cawthon, La Marche Nationale Eight and Forty Chairman
Honorable Lester G. Maddox, Governor of Georgia
Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta
Mr. George E. Osborne, National Convention Chairman American Legion
Mr. Karl Conradi, Department Commander Georgia
Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, American Legion Auxiliary Convention Chairman
Mrs. Francis B. Hunter, Department Auxiliary President Georgia
Mr. Randel Shake, National Director, American Legion Child Welfare Division
Mr. Earl D. Franklin, Jr., American Legion National Child Welfare Chairman

PRESENTATION OF LES DEMI CHAPEAUX and INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

Mrs. Michael Suvak, Eastern Division
Mrs. Carl A. Gamble, Southern Division
Mrs. Edward Marshall, Central Division
Mrs. E. L. Evans, Northwestern Division
Mrs. Earlene A. Wolf, Western Division

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES

Mrs. Harry Kehm
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Mrs. Robert N. Haws
Mrs. Raymond Chenault
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Mrs. P. O. Kelly
Mrs. James C. Gleason
Mrs. T. Clyde Finley

RESPONSE

Mrs. T. Clyde Finley

REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCH COMMITTEES

Rules and Order—Mrs. Lois Lansdale
Credentials—Mrs. Ronald Aichholz
Permanent Organization—Mrs. William J. Schlau

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1970

PRESENTATION OF LES MARECHALS

Mrs. Mabel Dumke
Mrs. William K. Stringer

PRESENTATION OF CHAIRMAN OF PAGES

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Mrs. John Links
Mrs. William Banks
Mrs. Russell Haslam
Mrs. Harry Campbell
Mrs. Lena M. Crowder

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU PERSONAL PAGES

Mrs. Andrew Gordon
Mrs. A. P. Genta

PRESENTATION OF LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE PERSONAL PAGE

Mrs. Clarence W. Kates

REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Le Chapeau National—Mrs. Jerome E. Allen
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale—Mrs. Thomas N. Leervig
L'Avocate Nationale—Mrs. Valentine Delles
L'Archiviste Nationale—Mrs. James A. DeForce
L'Aumonier National—Miss Dorothy M. Dolle
La Concierge Nationale—Mrs. Lucien J. Landry
Hat Box Editor—Mrs. Jane Adams Kyffin

—RECESS—

LA MARCHE SESSION—Friday, August 29, 1969—7:30 P.M.

INVOCATION

Miss Dorothy M. Dolle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mrs. Lucien J. Landry

PRESENTATIOIN OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Mrs. O. W. Cawthon, Chairman

GREETINGS

Mr. William C. Doyle, National Commander of The American Legion
Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, National Rehabilitation Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Charles C. Shaw, National Child Welfare Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary
Miss Doris Anderson, National Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. James K. Yeck, National Executive Auxiliary Committeewoman, Georgia
Mr. J. Edward Wieland, Assistant Director, The American Legion Education and Scholarship Program

ADDRESS

Dr. Harold Snyder, National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF AREA CHAIRMEN—

CHILD WELFARE—Mrs. James W. Collins
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—Mrs. A. L. Lavaque
FINANCE—Mrs. Leo C. Colton
NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL LIAISON—Mrs. Mayro Cox
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SCHOLARSHIP—Mrs. Owen W. Gleason
MEMORIAL SERVICE—Miss Dorothy M. Dolle

—RECESS—

LA MARCHE SESSION RECONVENES Saturday, August 30, 1969—9:00 A.M.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Grace Ault

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ronald Aichholz

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ADDRESS

Mr. Richard N. Bluestein, Executive Vice President, National Jewish Hospital

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report of Special Committee on Permanent History Rules—Mrs. Robert C. Snow

Report of Judge of Elections—Mrs. Eugene Huish

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Election of Les Demi Chapeaux Nationaux

Presentation of New Officers

SONG—God Bless America

—RECESS—

Saturday, August 30, 1969—3:00 P.M.

POST MARCHE POUVOIR—Suite 1—Marriott Hotel

Saturday, August 30, 1969

LA MARCHE NATIONALE BANQUET

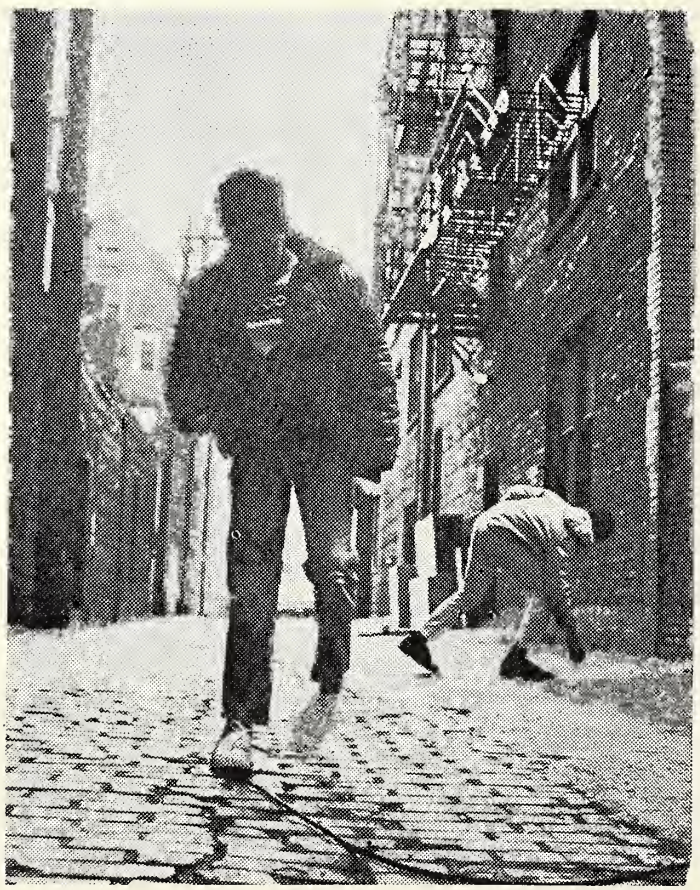
Ballroom South & Center—Marriott Motor Hotel

Installation of Officers

Presentation of Le Chapeau National Pin

Entertainment

Adjournment



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Mrs. James Michelet, New Mexico
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Mrs. James C. Gleason, New Jersey

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Mrs. Agnes Christianson, South Dakota
Mrs. Richard Harrison, Missouri

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Mrs. John Links, Louisiana

LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL
Personal Pages
Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, Ohio, *Chairman*
Mrs. A. P. Genta, New Mexico

LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE
Personal Page
Mrs. Clarence W. Kates, Illinois

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS
Mrs. Eugene Huish, Indiana

Tellers
Miss Julia V. Mullan, Massachusetts
Mrs. Dorothy Cox, Missouri
Mrs. Mary Santelli, New Jersey
Mrs. Edythe M. O'Connor, Washington, D.C.

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TROPHIES & AWARDS	Mrs. Doris Green, *Chairman* Mrs. Martha Jones, *Co-Chairman*
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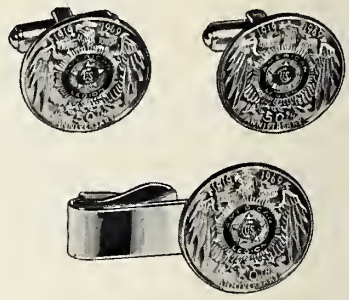
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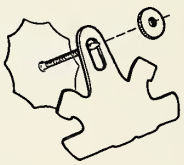
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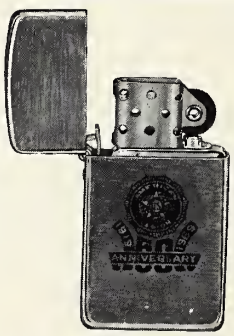




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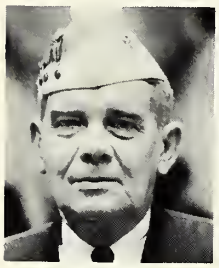
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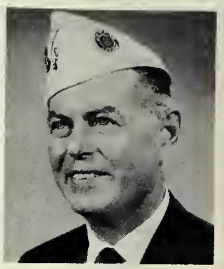
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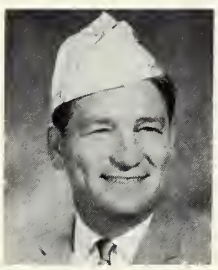
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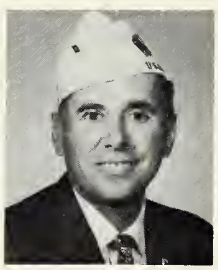
Meet the members of National Commander William C. Doyle's "Thunderbolt Team!" These Commanders led their respective Departments in making major contributions to a highly successful membership year—the fifth consecutive year of enrollment gain—during this historic 50th Anniversary of The American Legion. Under a point system established by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee for "1969—The Golden Year," these Commanders earned berths on the "Thunderbolt Team" through their Departments' attainment of 100 points by 30 days prior to the 51st National Convention. Points were earned by meeting specific membership target date goals, for topping 1968's final membership, for meeting the 1969 nationally-assigned membership goal, and for the very important contribution of chartering new American Legion Posts. Each of these Department Commanders has been awarded a "Thunderbolt Team" plaque in recognition of his achievement.



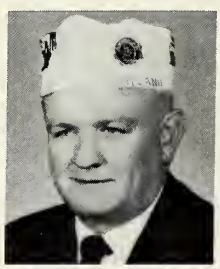
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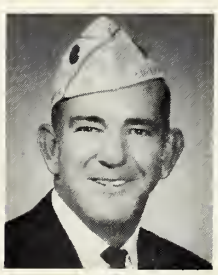
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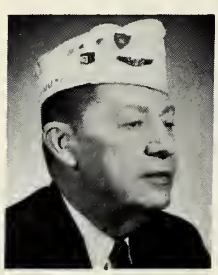
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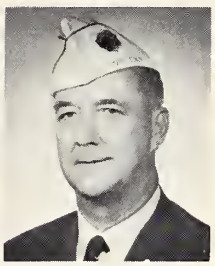
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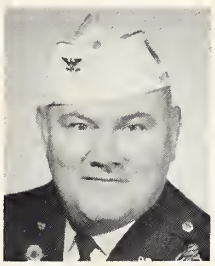
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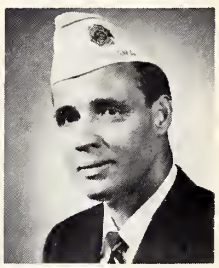
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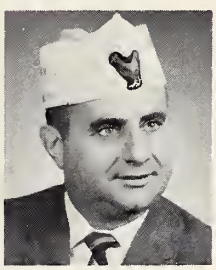
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Thunderbolt Team



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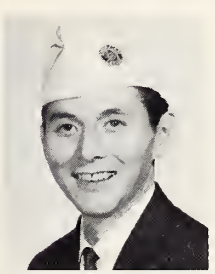
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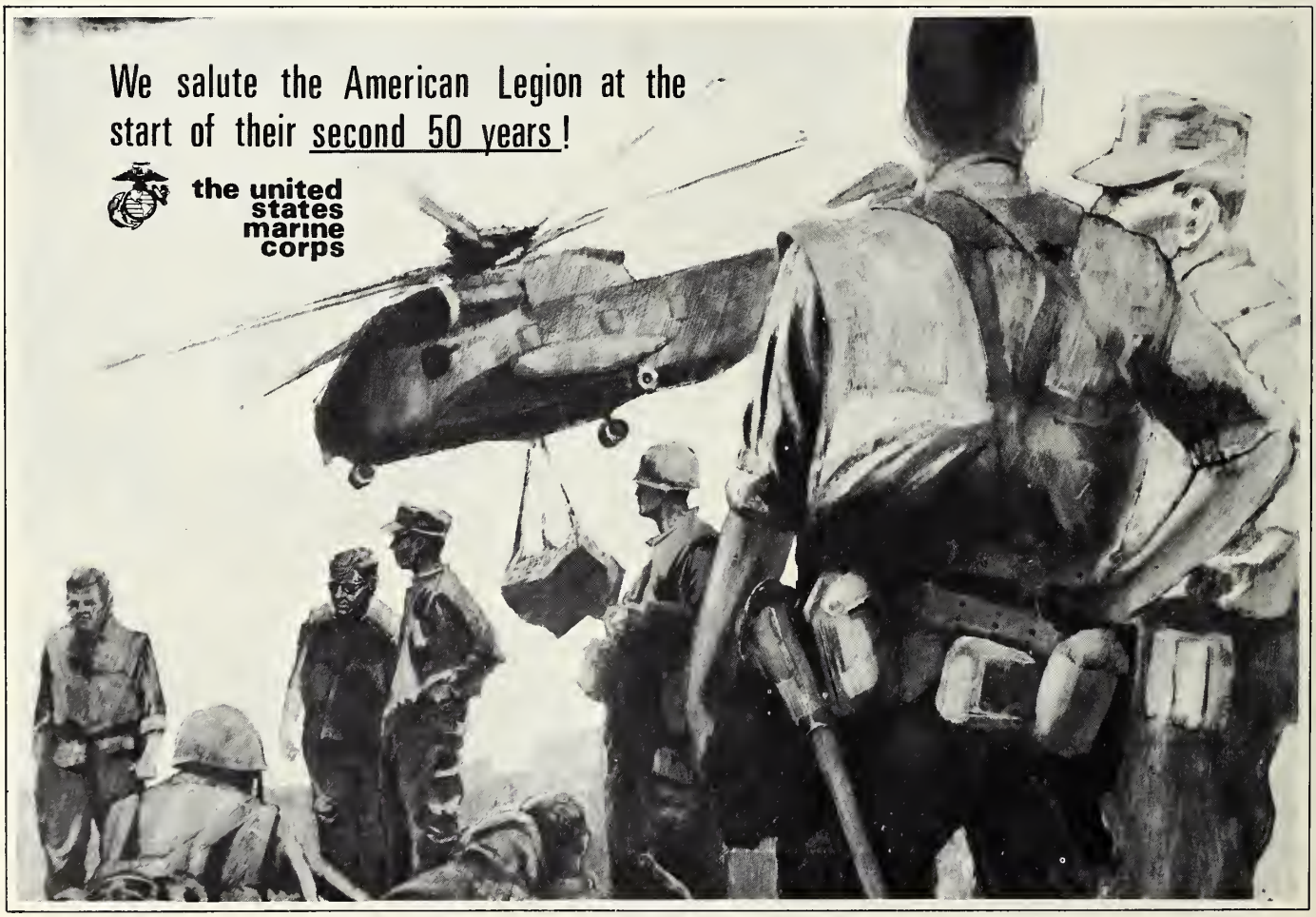
Today, the care and comfort of veterans and their dependents and the proper protection of their rights and benefits is as much a matter of prime concern to The American Legion as it was in the days when its founding fathers decided that rehabilitation should be a basic program of the Legion.

Every month approximately 70,000 veterans are being discharged and the areas in which the Post Service Officer may perform a valuable service are almost limitless. Now, more than ever before, there is need for informed, efficient and active Post Service Officers - so answer the challenge. You will not only be serving the veteran but your community and The American Legion, as well.

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WILLIAM C. DOYLE
National Commander

CIVIL WAR PARK

Atlanta's Grant Park, Southeast of downtown, off Cherokee St. and the Boulevard, is one of the city's most beautiful park areas.

The park's 144 acres contain a zoo, a children's zoo, the Cyclorama and recreational facilities.

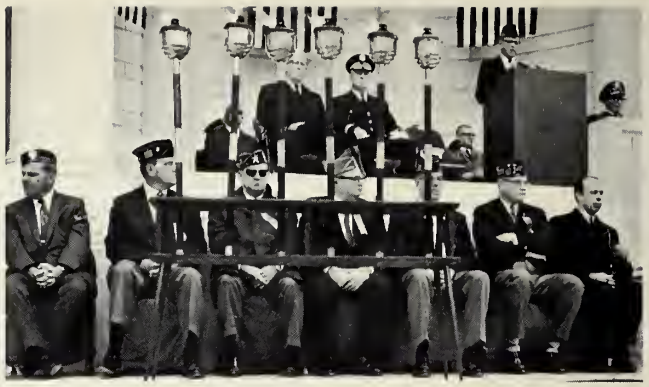
Near the site of the Battle of Atlanta and within the old fortifications, the park includes Ft. Walker, some of the Civil War breastworks and miles of scenic trails.

Other popular children's attractions are a Civil War locomotive and an old grist mill which actually grinds corn into meal.

GIANT PAINTING

The Cyclorama, located in the Cyclorama Building in Grant Park at Park Ave. and the Boulevard, is one of the three largest paintings in the world.

Presenting a striking picture of the Battle of Atlanta on July 22, 1864, the $1-million masterpiece is 400 feet around, 50 feet high and weighs 9 tons.



Veterans Day, 1968, saw The American Legion, led by National Commander Doyle, in the role of host for the official Veterans Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery. The Commander took the occasion to deliver a major address to The American Legion of the District of Columbia and, later, to host representatives of America's wartime allies at the Army-Navy Club.

Three Generations of Naval Aviators 1919-1969

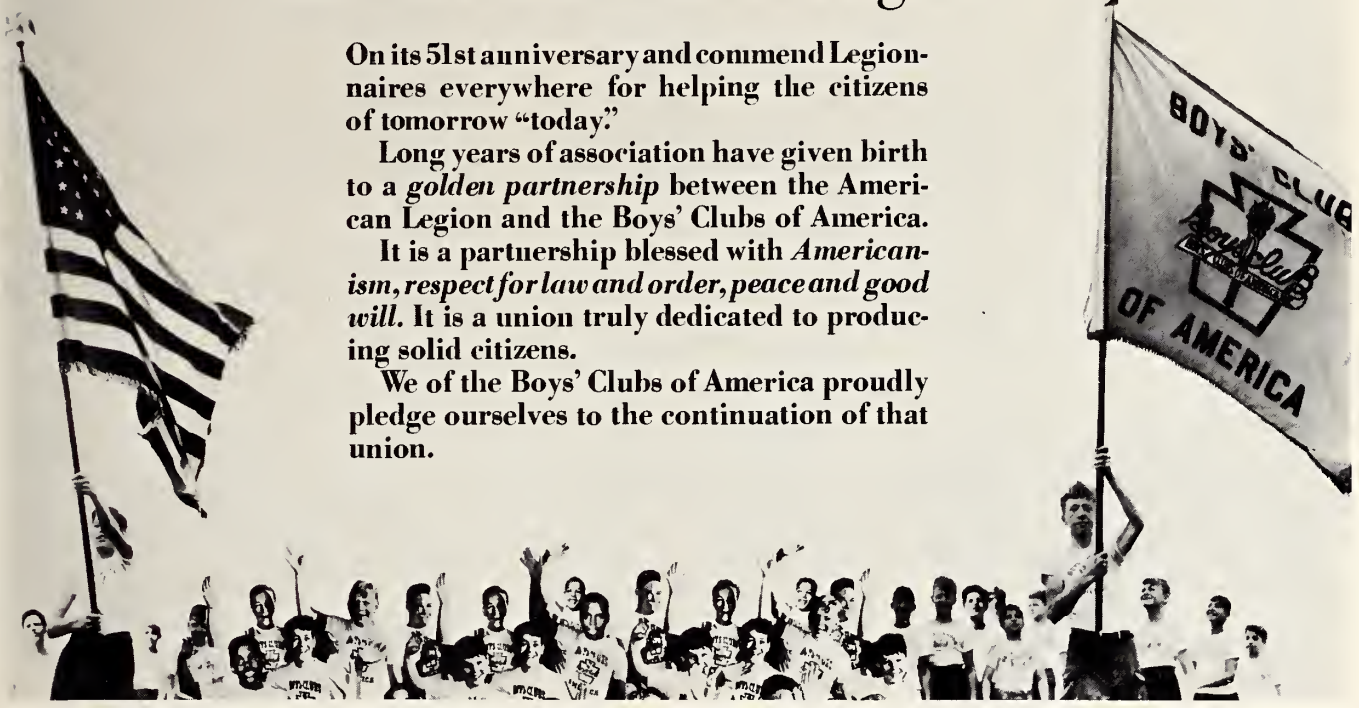


The nine officers of the Blue Angels, the U. S. Navy Flight Demonstration Team, pose with one of their new McDonnell Douglas F4J Phantom IIs at the Blues' Winter Training Headquarters, Naval Air Facility, El Centro, Calif. The Blue Angels for 1969 are, from left: Lt. Cmdr. Bud Jourden, No. 8, maintenance officer and transport aircraft pilot; Lt. Steve Shoemaker, No. 6, solo; Lt. Rick Millson, No. 4, slot; Capt. Vince Donile, USMC, No. 2, right wing; Cmdr. Bill Wheat, No. 1, officer-in-charge and flight leader; Lt. Ernie Christensen, No. 3, left wing; Lt. John Allen, No. 5, lead solo; Lt. Rick Adams, No. 7, flight demonstration narrator; and Lt. Dick Schram, No. 9, public affairs officer and naval flight officer.

In 1919, grandfather, Machinist Rasmus Christensen was a reserve pilot on the NC-1 for the Navy's trans-Atlantic flight project. Father, Rear Admiral Ernest Christensen is a Naval Aviator and Chief of Naval Air Technical Training. The third generation Christensen—Ernie—is a Navy Lieutenant (sixth from left) and a member of the Navy's precision flying team, the Blue Angels. A half-century of dedicated service in Naval Aviation.



Boys' Clubs of America and Its Million-Member "Juvenile Decency Brigade" salutes the American Legion

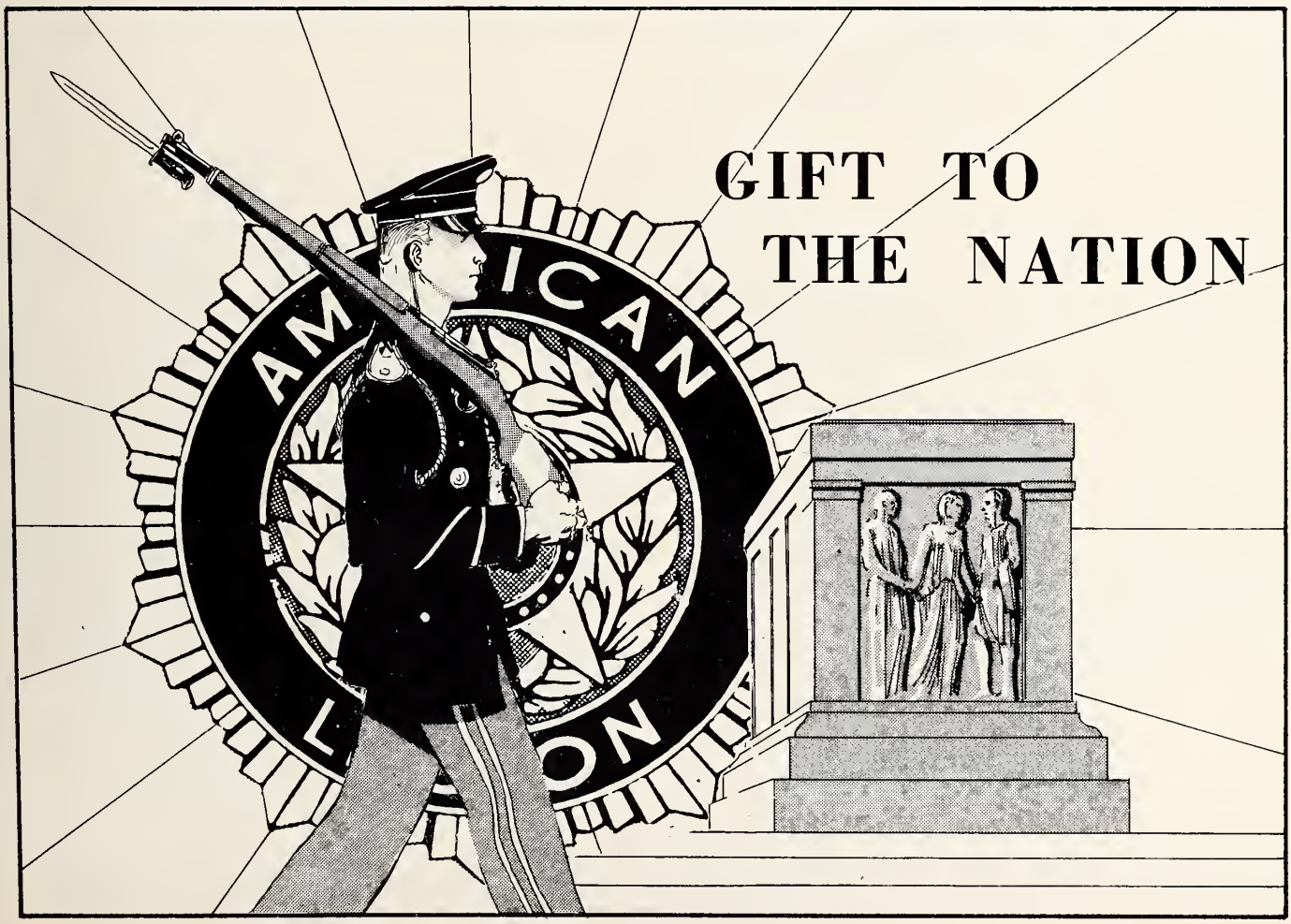


On its 51st anniversary and commend Legionnaires everywhere for helping the citizens of tomorrow "today."

Long years of association have given birth to a *golden partnership* between the American Legion and the Boys' Clubs of America.

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The American Legion Honors Top Students at Military Academies



National Vice Commander John Jones, right, presents The American Legion's award to James A. Babb of the U.S. Naval Academy.



National Vice Commander Maurice R. Parisien, left, presented Lt. Robert P. Jones, Oklahoma, The American Legion's honor award at ceremonies at the United States Military Academy.



Representing The American Legion at the United States Coast Guard's award presentation was Joseph G. Leonard, right, National Executive Committeeman from Connecticut. Ensign Gregory H. Magee, Virginia, is the recipient.



Lt. Steven R. Sturm, right, of Florida and representing the Air Force Academy is pictured above receiving a plaque from National Vice Commander Howard E. Lohman.



ATLANTA FROM THE AIR—This bird's eye view of the heart of Atlanta, host city for the 1969 National Convention of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, shows one of the south's and of the nation's fastest growing cities which should provide an exciting experience for all conventioneers. Identifiable landmarks important to the 51st Annual National Convention are: (right center), Atlanta Civic Center, where sessions of the Convention proper will be held; (upper left center), Georgia Tech Stadium, site of the Parade of Champions; and (left center), the Regency Hyatt House Hotel, the building with the circular structure on top, the National Headquarters Hotel.

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For nearly as long as The American Legion has been in existence it has shared with other major organizations a deep concern for the proper education of American Youth. American Education Week is a major by-product of that concern. "BETTER EDUCATION YOUR JOB" will be the theme this year. More than 30,000,000 citizens are expected to visit their schools during this special week. Each American Legion Post is urged to plan early and participate with the co-sponsors for the observance.

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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The American Legion's Parade of Champions, the National Finals of Junior and Senior American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps competition, will be conducted on Sunday evening, August 24, in Georgia Tech Stadium (Grant Field) starting at 7 p.m.

Old hands at American Legion Conventions still thrill to this colorful and stirring highlight event, which is the epitome of patriotic pageantry, and those witnessing this competition for the first time also are in for a real treat as the very finest of precision marching and musical units in the country put on a three-hour performance that will quicken every pulse in the stands.



Defending National Champion Senior Drum and Bugle Corps is the Long Island Sunrisers, sponsored by Post 390, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y. They captured The American Legion Senior national championship during the Legion's 50th Annual National Convention in New Orleans in 1968.

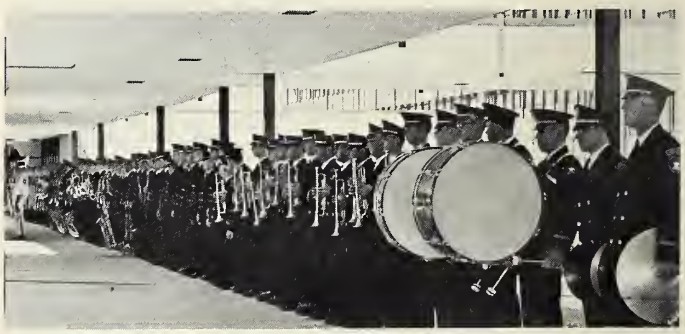
Twelve Corps will compete in the Sunday night performance for the national championships of their respective divisions. The five top-rated Senior Corps, as determined by scores in preliminary competition, and the seven highest scoring Junior Corps, similarly determined, will be the finalists for the Parade of Champions.

One of a group of teen-age youngsters in the stands at the Parade of Champions on Boston's Fenway Park two years ago, one of that group that isn't supposed to be moved by anything as "square" as a patriotic performance, stood at the end of the show and announced to his friends: "I've never seen anything as great as that."

All of the units that compete both in preliminary competition and in the Parade of Champions, will be in the line of march in the Annual National Convention Parade through the streets of Atlanta on Monday night, August 25.



St. Lucy's Cadets, sponsored by Post 300, of Newark, N. J., are the defending champions of American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps competition. The corps pictured above won the title at The American Legion's 50th Annual National Convention in 1968 in New Orleans.



Defending Champion Senior Band, expected to compete again in The American Legion's uniformed groups contests to be conducted in conjunction with the 1969 Atlanta National Convention, is the A. R. McAllister Memorial Sr. Band sponsored by Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.

Admission to the Parade of Champions, and this is the only part of the two days of uniformed groups competition for which an admission is charged, will be $2.50 for reserved seats and $2.00 for general admission. A coupon in this program is good for a 50-cent reduction on all purchases of tickets.

For eligible Legionnaires and Auxiliary members, another highlight of the Parade of Champions is the drawing for four new Ford automobiles being sponsored by the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion for the 23rd consecutive year. The Seagrams Posts are in the Departments of New York, Illinois and California.

A complete schedule of times and sites for all events of uniformed groups competition is listed elsewhere in this program. No admission is charged for any uniformed groups events other than the Parade of Champions, and the public is invited to witness these events as are Convention delegates and guests.



The Senior Color Guard of First National Bank Post 985 of Chicago, Ill., is the defending champion American Legion Senior Color Guard and they are expected to defend their title at the 1969 Convention. This group was featured on a Salute to The American Legion's 50th Birthday on the Ed Sullivan Show in March of this year.



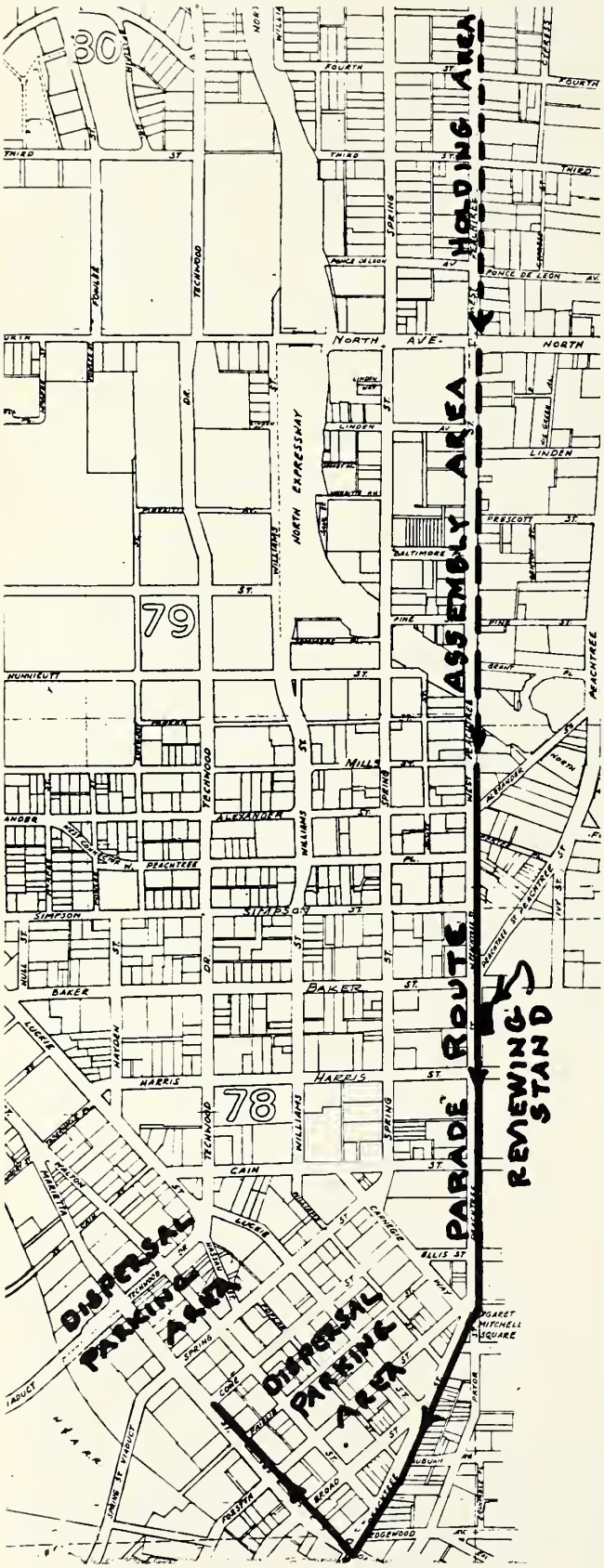
The White Tornadoes, sponsored by American Legion Post 40, Momence, Ill., is the defending champion Junior Color Guard of American Legion uniformed groups competition. The White Tornadoes is an all-girl unit.

The United States Air Force *salutes*

The AMERICAN LEGION



Parade Information



DATE: August 25, 1969

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ASSEMBLY AREA: Along West Peachtree Street, from Mills Avenue to North Avenue, with the area of West Peachtree beyond North Avenue serving as the holding area.

STARTING POINT: West Peachtree Street at Mills Street.

ROUTE: South along West Peachtree Street to Peachtree Street and continuing South along Peachtree Street to Marietta Street, then West on Marietta Street to Cone Street.

REVIEWING STAND: On Peachtree Street at Regency Hyatt House Hotel.

DISBANDING AREAS: To the right along Cone Street, and along the extension of Marietta Street beyond Cone Street and on to Techwood.

The American Legion National Convention

PARADE ORDERS

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Monday, August 25, 1969

7:00 P.M.

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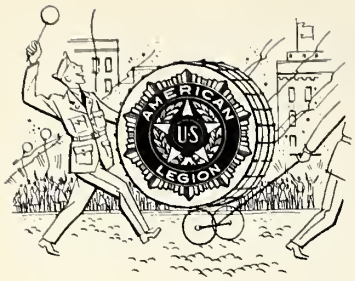
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Atlanta, Georgia

Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
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PARADE ORDERS

The official parade of the 51st National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by the instructions contained herein, together with the March Order, Route, Assembly and Disbanding Area Map which is made a part hereof.

1. **TIME:** (All times in these orders are Eastern Daylight time.)
   (a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Starting Point" West Peachtree Street and Mills Street promptly at 7:00 P.M., Monday, August 25, 1969, regardless of weather conditions.
   (b) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade is shown in the March Order, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairman. **A meeting of Department Chairmen will be held at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, August 24, 1969, in the Georgian Ballroom located on the lobby level of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, 817 West Peachtree Street, NE.**
   (c) A liaison man (PAL) has been assigned to each Department by the Parade Committee. This liaison man will contact each Department well in advance of the parade and offer every assistance.
   (d) A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area. He will, with the assistance of the liaison man who has been assigned to the Department, direct the busses toward the route to the disbanding area.
   (e) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.**

2. **ROUTE:** South on West Peachtree onto Peachtree to Marietta Street to Cone Street.

3. **ASSEMBLY AREAS:**
   (a) On West Peachtree Street from Mills Street, north to North Avenue and side streets between Mills Street and North Avenue, east to Peachtree Street and west to Spring Street.
   (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of Department Parade Chairmen on Sunday, August 24, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in The Georgian Ballroom of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel.
   (c) Floats will assemble with sponsoring Department.

4. **ORGANIZATION:**
   (a) Elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a Parade Official. The composition of these Divisions, order of March, and time of assembly is shown in the March Order supplied to Department Parade Chairmen.
   (b) Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
   (c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of Units in his Department. Units will conform to the following distribution and formation.
      (1) MASSED COLORS: Eight (8) abreast National colors, Department and Post colors of each Department, and the Department and Unit colors of each Department of the Auxiliary, will be massed at the head of each Department in that order.
      (2) American Legion Units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast. one yard between ranks.
      (3) BANDS AND DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
      (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. **All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof and must also carry an "Official Car" sticker on the windshield.**
      (5) **No maneuvers except for forward movement. THIS IS A MUST. Maneuvers create gaps which ruin the parade. Violators will be dismissed from the parade.**
   (d) **DISTANCES:**
      (1) Between Divisions ..... 20 yards
      (2) Between Departments ..... 10 yards
      (3) Between elements of a Department ..... 5 yards

5. **DISBANDING AREAS:**
   Right on Cone Street and extension of Marietta Street beyond Cone Street onto Techwood at direction of Atlanta Police.
   It is of utmost importance that busses enter the disbanding area as directed. They will be met and directed to their parking area.
   Disbanding areas must be cleared as rapidly as possible.

6. **OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:**
   The official reviewing stand will be located on the east

side of Peachtree Street immediately in front of the Regency Hyatt House Hotel. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes left). Warning sign at 200 feet will inform Units of the distance to the reviewing stand.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:

(a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1969 National Convention Corporation.

(b) With the exception of the police, military units invited school musical units and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of the American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:

(1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.

(2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.

(3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.

(4) Female impersonators.

(5) Firecrackers and other explosives.

(6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.

(7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material.

(8) Participation by Candidates for Public Office.

(9) Maximum height of equipment not to exceed 13 ft. to clear overhead traffic lights.

(10) Participation in the parade doesn't release persons from the obligation to adhere to all the laws and regulations of the City of Atlanta.

(c) Violators of any of the above rules will be summarily dismissed from the parade.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:

First Aid Stations will be established at the Assembly Area at intervals along the line of march and the disbanding areas.

9. PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSSES:

After unloading in the Assembly Area, busses will proceed to temporary parking areas at the disbanding location as indicated in Paragraph 5. The liaison official (PAL) will meet his assigned Department at the disbanding area to conduct it to its parked bus or busses (personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the busses when unloading at the Assembly Area.)

MARCH ORDER
ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at 6:00 P.M.

Assembly Area: West side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

A. MOUNTED ESCORT

*B. HONORARY MARSHALS

*C. GRAND MARSHAL

*D. HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

*E. DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

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* Bus transportation for dignitaries will be provided and will depart from the motor lobby entrance of the Regency Hyatt House Hotel. **This bus will depart at precisely 6:15 P.M., and will be taken by police escort to the proper parade assembly area.**

F. UNITED STATES ARMY
Color Guard (Fort McPherson, Georgia)
Band (Third U.S. Army)
Marching Unit (Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 82nd Airborne Infantry Battalion)

G. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Color Guard
Drum and Bugle Corps (Camp Lejeune, North Carolina)
Marching Unit (4th Motor Transportation Battalion)

H. UNITED STATES NAVY
Band
Marching Unit (Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida)
Destroyer Float

I. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Color Guard
Band (USAF 581st Air Force Band, Robins AFB)
Marching Unit

J. UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE
Color Guard
Band
Mascot
Marching Unit (81st ARCOM)
Floats

K. GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
Color Guard
Band (530th Air Force Band Ga. NG)



DIVISION I

Assemble at 6:30 P.M.

Assembly Area: East side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

1. American Legion 1968 National Championship Band
2. National Colors and 1968 National Championship Color Guard
3. National Commander, The American Legion
4. National President, American Legion Auxiliary
*5. National Officers
6. American Legion 1968 National Championship Drum and Bugle Corps
*7. Past National Commanders
*8. Society of American Legion Founders
9. American Legion 1968 National Championship Chorus, Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Junior Color Guard, Firing Squad, and Motorcycle Drill Team.
10. The American Legion Youth Award Winners
11. Seagram Post's Float and four (4) automobiles
12. Foreign and Outlying Departments
    Philippines
    Mexico
    Canada
    Italy
    France
    Panama
13. Hawaii

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DIVISION II

Assemble at 7:40 P.M.

Assembly Area: West side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

14. North Dakota
15. Minnesota
16. Maryland
17. Ohio
18. Kansas
19. Arizona

DIVISION III

Assemble at 8:10 P.M.

Assembly Area: East side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

20. Indiana
21. Louisiana
22. New Hampshire
23. Vermont
24. Puerto Rico
25. Florida
26. Delaware
27. North Carolina

DIVISION IV

Assemble at 8:50 P.M.

Assembly Area: West side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

28. Connecticut
29. Arkansas
30. Nebraska
31. South Dakota
32. Wisconsin
33. Virginia
34. Utah
35. Tennessee

DIVISION V

Assemble at 9:30 P.M.

Assembly Area: East side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

36. New Jersey
37. Michigan
38. Nevada
39. Iowa
40. Texas
41. Pennsylvania
42. Maine
43. Oregon

DIVISION VI

Assemble at 10:10 P.M.

Assembly Area: West side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

44. South Carolina
45. Kentucky
46. Oklahoma
47. West Virginia
48. Rhode Island
49. California
50. Missouri

DIVISION VII

Assemble at 10:50 P.M.

Assembly Area: East side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

51. Illinois
52. Washington
53. New York
54. Mississippi
55. Massachusetts
56. Montana
57. Alaska

DIVISION VIII

Assemble at 11:30 P.M.

Assembly Area: West side of West Peachtree Street, head of column at Mills Street.

58. Colorado
59. New Mexico
60. Alabama
61. Idaho
62. Wyoming
63. District of Columbia
64. Georgia

HISTORY AND LEGEND

Atlanta is a city rich in both history and legend.

It's the home of Uncle Remus, Br'er Rabbit and many other characters created by Joel Chandler Harris.

Atlanta also is the setting of Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," a novel which made the city and its Peachtree State world-famous.

Coca-Cola began here in 1886, and it is said that one can order the famous drink for breakfast without questions asked or eyebrows raised.

SONG OF GEORGIA

Georgia, nicknamed the Peach State and Empire State of the South, has an area of 58,876 sq. mi., giving it 21st place among the 50 states; a population of 3,943,116, giving it 16th place; and was the fourth of the original 13 states to ratify the Constitution. The capital is Atlanta; the motto, "Wisdom, Justice, Moderation"; the flower, Cherokee Rose; the bird, Brown Thrasher; the tree, Live Oak; and the song, "Georgia." The flag is the State Seal on a vertical bar, Confederate flag to the right.



Kiger Stadium as viewed from the air . . . hosted 1968 Babe Ruth World Series before a record attendance . . . home of the 1968 Oregon Legion champions, who went on to win regionals and place second to Memphis, Tenn., in the '68 world series held in Manchester, N.H.

Three concession stands . . . newly constructed right and left field bleachers; . . . also, modern infield and new electric scoreboard.

Oregon's Klamath Country includes the "Youth Baseball Capital of the World, Klamath Falls" . . . as well as Crater Lake National Park.

Enjoy both when you attend the 1970 Legion World Series on Sept. 5-10 in Klamath Falls' Kiger Stadium, recently renovated to house in comfort nearly 5,000 fans.

Klamath Falls is a smooth and scenic five-hour drive from Portland.

For top-notch baseball and wonderous Pacific Northwest scenery, it has to be Klamath Falls and Crater Lake in 1970...



ANNUAL REPORT

The final 36 pages of this official program of the 51st Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the 1968-69 American Legion year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

For the convenience of The American Legion delegates and guests, the airlines—Eastern, Delta, United and Northwest will be available during the Atlanta National Convention to provide reservation information on August 26-28.

A special booth will be staffed and located in the foyer of the Atlantic Civic Center, Exhibit Hall to provide reservation and information service for all airlines serving Atlanta.

This booth will be in service from 9:00 A.M. until adjournment of sessions each day—Tuesday through Thursday, August 26-28.

The American Legion's Golden Anniversary year has exceeded, beyond our fondest expectations, not as a year of frills for publicity purposes, but as a year of solid achievement befitting an organization such as The American Legion which was founded upon the ideal of service.



Our National Commander has enjoyed a substantial degree of success this year in the promotion of his theme of office, a most fitting theme for our golden year: "Fifty years of 100 per cent Americanism—A Commitment to Freedom." As he has pointed out, this is no idle boast, but an apt description of the first half century of American Legion history.

The 15-month period of our anniversary observance, from our 1968 National Convention to Veterans Day, 1969, is not quite over, but the accomplishments have been many. First, our 50th Annual Convention in New Orleans attracted the President of the United States and all major contenders for the office as guest speakers. It was a powerful springboard into our 50th year activity.

On March 15, as the concluding event of our annual Washington Conference, President Nixon made an appearance at the National Commander's banquet for the Congress of the United States to accept our "Gift to the Nation," a permanent lighting installation for the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Earlier that day there were impressive First Day Ceremonies for an American Legion commemorative stamp. This date, of course, marked the 50th anniversary of the first day of the Paris Caucus, the first of our founding meetings.

In May, in St. Louis, Mo., the National Executive Committee met away from National Headquarters for only the second time in our 50-year history for a regular session. This was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, the second of our founding meetings and the first stateside meeting of The American Legion.

The following pages contain some of the highlights of this most eventful year for each of our program divisions, and we think you will agree it has been a year to remember.

Wm F. Hauck

WILLIAM F. HAUCK
National Adjutant

The American Legion 51st Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.

National Officers



WILLIAM C. DOYLE
(New Jersey)
National Commander 1968-69



WILLIAM F. HAUCK
(Indiana)
National Adjutant



MAURICE R. PARISIEN
(Maine)
National
Vice Commander



HOWARD E. LOHMAN
(Minnesota)
National
Vice Commander



LEWIS E. MCCRAY
(Alabama)
National
Vice Commander



JOHN A. JONES
(West Virginia)
National
Vice Commander



C. RUSSELL HUBER
(Alaska)
National
Vice Commander



REV. C. J. OLANDER
(Mississippi)
National Chaplain



HAROLD A. SHINDLER
(Indiana)
National Historian



BERTRAM G. DAVIS
(New York)
National
Judge Advocate



FRANCIS W. POLEN
(Indiana)
National Treasurer

A half century ago, The American Legion first met in National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., and one of the major actions of that First National Convention, Nov. 10-12, 1919, was to select Indianapolis, Indiana, as the site of the National Headquarters of what was to become the world's largest veterans organization.

The necessity to maintain a close working relationship between various offices and agencies of the Federal Government, and with the Congress of the United States, dictated that certain functions of The American Legion should be based in the nation's capital. The Washington headquarters offices were established to accommodate our Legislative, Rehabilitation, Foreign Relations, National Security and Economic operations and supporting staff functions.

Our chief executive officer is the National Commander, who is elected by action of the National Convention to serve until his successor is selected by the following National Convention. Other officers chosen by the National Convention include five National Vice Commanders, and the National Chaplain. The terms of those officers run concurrently with that of the National Commander with whom they were elected. The National Executive Committee, which meets semi-annually, is the policy-making body of the organization between conventions.

William C. Doyle, of Vineland, New Jersey, was chosen as National Commander by action of the 50th Annual National Convention to lead the organization during the major part of our 50th Anniversary year. The major achievements of that year are the subject of this report.

The National Adjutant, William F. Hauck, of Indiana, is the chief administrative officer of the organization. He is selected on recommendation of the National Commander, with concurrence of the National Executive Committee, as are other national officers except those chosen by Convention action.

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each Department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate and Historian. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	*Hugh W. Overton*
Alaska	*George Petrovich*
Arizona	*Robert E. Cockrill*
Arkansas	*Lawrence E. Fisher*
California	*Leo W. Crawford*
Canada	*Robert I. Hendershott*
Colorado	*Robert Grauberger*
Connecticut	*Joseph G. Leonard*
Delaware	*James E. Heal*
District of Columbia	*Stewart W. Parker*
Florida	*Arthur M. MacCarthy*
France	*James E. Zulick*
Georgia	*W. D. Harrell*
Hawaii	*Wallace C. S. Young*
Idaho	*Max Hanson*
Illinois	*Morris "Bob" Nooner*
Indiana	*Charles S. Boehm*
Iowa	*Robert H. Lounsberry*
Italy	*H. Armand deMasi*
Kansas	*U. S. "Udie" Grant*
Kentucky	*Harry A. Greene, Jr.*
Louisiana	*M. C. Gehr*
Maine	*Merlon R. Kingsley*
Maryland	*Robert E. L. Eaton*
Massachusetts	*Gabriel T. Olga*
Mexico	*Harry Wright*
Michigan	*Marshall M. Taylor*
Minnesota	*Eugene V. Lindquist*
Mississippi	*Ralph M. Godwin*
Missouri	*Frank H. Strong*
Montana	*William A. Lindsay*
Nebraska	*Jerome N. Henn*
Nevada	*Thomas W. Miller*
New Hampshire	*Raymond F. Mudge*
New Jersey	*Edmund G. Lyons*
New Mexico	*G. Y. Fails*
New York	*Louis E. Drago*
North Carolina	*Leroy S. Lakey*
North Dakota	*Patrick T. Milloy*
Ohio	*Donald L. Gruenbaum*
Oklahoma	*W. H. (Bill) Redman*
Oregon	*W. E. Wilkins*
Panama, C. Z.	*Arnold A. Hannberg*
Pennsylvania	*Daniel A. Drew*
Philippines	*Edward T. Berling*
Puerto Rico	*Dr. Raul Barreras*
Rhode Island	*John J. O'Connell*
South Carolina	*E. Roy Stone, Jr.*
South Dakota	*Glenn R. Green*
Tennessee	*Robert M. Summitt*
Texas	*Jack W. Flynt*
Utah	*William E. Christoffersen*
Vermont	*Albert B. Grazini*
Virginia	*Sam T. A. Crawford*
Washington	*Gordon Blechschmidt*
West Virginia	*L. O. Bickel*
Wisconsin	*Martin T. Jansen*
Wyoming	*J. R. Coulter*

Past National Commanders

Thomas W. Miller	Nevada (PNC, 1968 Natl. Conv.)
John R. Quinn	California
Henry L. Stevens, Jr.	North Carolina
Ray Murphy	Iowa
Harry W. Colmery	Kansas
Daniel J. Doherty	Massachusetts
Stephen F. Chadwick	Washington
Raymond J. Kelly	Michigan
Lynn U. Stambaugh	North Dakota
Warren H. Atherton	California
Paul H. Griffith	Pennsylvania
James F. O'Neil	New Hampshire
S. Perry Brown	Texas
George N. Craig	Indiana
Erle Cocke, Jr.	Georgia
Donald R. Wilson	West Virginia
Seaborn P. Collins	New Mexico
J. Addington Wagner	Michigan
W. C. Daniel	Virginia
John S. Gleason, Jr.	Illinois
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma
Martin B. McKneally	New York
William R. Burke	California
Charles L. Bacon	Missouri
James E. Powers	Georgia
Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa
L. Eldon James	Virginia
John E. Davis	North Dakota
William E. Galbraith	Nebraska

50/100 = 50 YEARS OF 100% AMERICANISM



Moving immediately to make known to all Americans the theme of his term of office as National Commander of The American Legion, a theme befitting the Legion's Golden Anniversary year, Commander Doyle unfurls the banner which displays the symbol and the legend "50 Years of 100% Americanism."



Moment of Victory: National Commander William C. Doyle's family joins with the just-elected Legion chief on the platform of the 50th Annual National Convention of The American Legion, to share with him the moment of victory.



Vietnam continued to dominate the world news and to command much of the time and effort of The American Legion during the term of Commander Doyle. One of the first major items on his itinerary was a trip to Vietnam to see for himself what is happening there. Commander Doyle (right), is briefed by Gen. Creighton Abrams, U.S. Commander, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, at MACV Headquarters in Saigon.



On return from his trip to Vietnam, Commander Doyle visited with President Lyndon B. Johnson, reporting on his observations and presenting to the President the shadow box 50th Anniversary medallions reserved for dignitaries making a substantial contribution to the success of the anniversary observance.



Shown here are the men who were elected with Commander Doyle by the 50th Annual National Convention to serve during the Golden Anniversary year. They are: Lewis McCray, of Alabama; Howard Lohman, of Minnesota, and John A. Jones, of West Virginia, National Vice Commanders; Commander Doyle; Maurice Parisien, of Maine, National Vice Commander, Rev. C. J. Olander, of Mississippi, National Chaplain and C. Russell Huber, of Alaska, National Vice Commander.



The Legion's continuing concern for the well-being of the nation's children is expressed in this visit between the National Commander and the 1969 March of Dimes poster child, five-year-old Tracy Greenwood, of Sulphur, Okla.



The real highlight of the 50th Anniversary year was the appearance of President Nixon at the Commander's banquet for the Congress on March 15, 1969, the exact date of the first day of the Paris Caucus where the Legion was founded, to accept The American Legion's Gift to the Nation, a permanent lighting system for the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.



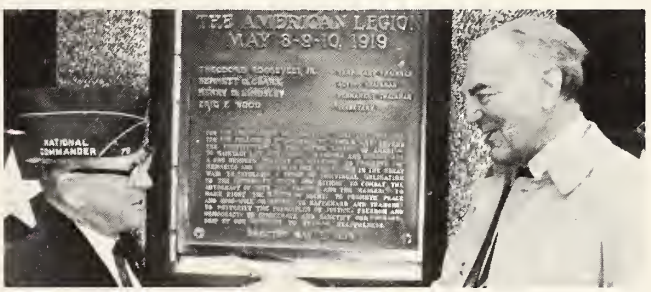
Another highlight of the 50th Anniversary year took place in Washington as a part of the inaugural festivities for President Richard M. Nixon, when The American Legion hosted 192 Congressional Medal of Honor-men and their wives. Here Commander Doyle greets Maj. Roger H. C. Donlon, the first man to earn the CMH for action in Vietnam, and Mrs. Donlon.



One of the features of The American Legion midwinter conference in the Nation's Capital was an impressive first-day ceremony for an American Legion commemorative stamp honoring the Legion's 50th birthday. As a part of the ceremony, Postmaster General Winton M. Blount presented Commander Doyle with an album of the new commemorative stamp.



Our Gift to the Nation, activated by remote control devices from Washington's Sheraton Park Hotel where the switch was thrown by President Nixon, bathes in a soft glow of light the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.



One of the final major acts of the 50th Anniversary observance took place in St. Louis, Mo., where the spring NEC meetings were held to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, the second of the Legion's founding meetings. Here, Commander Doyle takes part in a rededication of the plaque marking the site of the St. Louis Caucus. Pointing to the wording of the Preamble is one of the authors of that immortal document, a Legion founder and former New York Congressman Hamilton Fish.



Daniel J. O'Connor
Americanism

AMERICANISM

Daniel J. O'Connor (New York), *Chairman*
Maurice T. Webb (Georgia), *Director*

The American Legion's National Americanism Commission has continued during the past year to intensify the Americanism programs mandated by National Conventions, the National Executive Committee and the National Americanism Commission.

American Legion Baseball is expanding throughout the nation and it is estimated that 5,000 baseball teams are fielded by American Legion Posts throughout the nation.

The Scholarship Handbook, NEED A LIFT?, had a distribution of 145,000 copies, which is an all-time high and provides a service to young people desiring to continue their education beyond high school. The American Legion's policy statement on education continues to provide, through the distribution of the brochure, The American Legion's position on education to interested Legionnaires, educators and anyone interested in The American Legion's position on education.

The National High School Oratorical Contest finals were held at Boise, Idaho, on Thursday, April 24, 1969, resulting in the following:

First Place—Benjamin Gene Davidian, Jr., Tracy, California, $4,000.00 Scholarship

Second Place—Howard E. Seufer, Jr., Williamstown, West Virginia, $2,500.00 Scholarship

Third Place—Arthur Thomas Poulos, Dover, New Jersey, $1,000.00 Scholarship

Fourth Place—Daniel Raymond Stanley, Kansas City, Kansas, $500.00 Scholarship

Boys State continues to provide high school juniors with governmental training in a "learn by doing" program. The National Americanism Commission feels that the Boys State program is more important today than in the past because we need to train our young men in the art of politics and, at the same time, emphasize that politics is an honorable profession and honorable men must seek office to guide the destiny of our great country.

Sponsorship of Boy Scout units is still near the 4,000 mark; however, every effort is being expended to convince Posts throughout the nation that they should sponsor scouting units, especially the Explorer units for the high school age groups. This group is the group in which Boy Scouts of America feels The American Legion could play an important role in increasing sponsorship of scouting units.

Boys' Clubs continues as a program of the Commission and many American Legion Posts, especially in the metropolitan areas, are supporting the Boys' Clubs movement in a positive way.

Flag education is being emphasized and distribution of flag publications is increasing as American Legion Posts realize that they must teach love of and reverence for the Flag of our country to the young people of our nation.

There are many other Americanism programs on which we could report; however, due to the limited space available in this convention program for 1969, we conclude this report by stating that special emphasis is continuing to be placed on the community service programs sponsored by Posts of The American Legion. The community service programs vary from community to community but The American Legion Posts throughout the nation are proving to the people in their communities that The American Legion is interested in community affairs.



AMERICAN LEGION National High School Oratorical Contest finalists take a lesson in history from an Idaho historical marker during the recent National Finals in Boise. From left are the four contestants and their final standings: Daniel R. Stanley, 17, of Kansas City, Kan., fourth; Howard E. Seufer, Jr., 18, of Williamstown, W. Va., second; Arthur T. Poulos, 17, of Denville, near Dover, N.J., third; and Benjamin G. Davidian, Jr., 17, of Tracy, Calif., first. At the national level, the youths shared in $8,000 in cash college scholarships, with $4,000 as the top award.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. J. E. Martie (Nevada), *Chairman*

The Counter-Subversive Activities program is continuing to expose subversive and dissident groups in the publication, FIRING LINE. The demand for this publication increases daily and, due to the fact that FIRING LINE started covering the activities of the Students For a Democratic Society in 1965, the information in FIRING LINE on Students For a Democratic Society has been sought by not only Legionnaires, but educators and people in industry in our nation. The March, 1969, issue was twelve pages, contining reprints of the articles carried, starting in 1965, on the Students For a Democratic Society, and that particular issue has been in tremendous demand.

The FIRING LINE will continue in the months ahead to expose those groups which refuse to adhere to law and order and, in many cases, refuse to serve in the armed forces of our nation.



BOY SCOUT SPONSORSHIP is another of The American Legion's major cooperative citizenship training programs, and for the past several years the number of Legion-sponsored scouting units has held consistently in the area of about 4,000, ranging from Cub packs to Explorer units. Scouting was one of the earliest of the Legion's cooperative efforts in Americanism. Here National Commander William C. Doyle receives a presentation from Robert Billington, Assistant Chief Scout Executive, during a visit to the headquarters of Boy Scouts of America, in New Brunswick, N.J.



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL: Now in its 44th season, American Legion Baseball has been, and remains, one of The American Legion's finest citizenship-sportsmanship training programs and, in addition to preparing hundreds of youngsters for careers in professional baseball, it has provided additional thousands of young Americans with a fundamental knowledge of the rules of good citizenship.

EMBLEM SALES DIVISION

Julius Levy (Pennsylvania), *Chairman*

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January 1 to December 31, 1968
(12 months)

Gross sales	$2,067,845.10
Cost of goods sold	1,352,369.78
Overhead	434,343.53
Operating profit including discounts taken	294,520.79
Less Distribution from Profits	
Commission to Auxiliary	26,581.21
Net Profit to National Organization	**267,939.58**

January 1 to March 31, 1969
(3 months)

Gross sales	513,369.50
Cost of goods sold	337,484.60
Overhead	112,008.03
Operating profit including discounts taken	67,570.05
Less Distribution from Profits	
Commission to Auxiliary	5,934.15
Net Profit to National Organization	**61,635.90**



Earl D. Franklin, Jr.
Child Welfare

CHILD WELFARE

Earl D. Franklin, Jr. (Colorado), *Chairman*
Randel Shake (Indiana), *Director*

"Our Children—Force for the Future"

With appropriate recognition of The American Legion's 50th Anniversary Year, the National Child Welfare Commission chose the above theme for current Child Welfare concern. Obviously, the theme is meant to look ahead.

In any 50th Anniversary celebration three questions seem basic. The first of these questions is "What has been accomplished?" To chronicle the Child Welfare achievements of The American Legion during the past 50 years is impossible in so short a report. We can say, however, that The American Legion, with the help of its affiliated organizations, has spent nearly one-quarter BILLION dollars from its own funds for the benefit of children and youth through its Child Welfare Program. Not only has the expenditure of these funds helped children, but in some instances has helped all mankind. For those interested in details, a 50-year history of Child Welfare activities is available without charge from the National Child Welfare Division at National Headquarters.

The second basic question that needs examination on any major anniversary is "Where are we now?" An answer to this question is, at best, quite difficult. Most of us stand so close to the trees that we can't see the forest. In addition, there are forces and facts that cause ambivalence. On the one hand, we have more employment, more affluence, more education and more leisure time than any nation in the world and more than at any point in our own history. Research and development have given us more conveniences, more labor saving devices, more medical progress, more cultural advantages and the ability to perform fantastic and unbelievable scientific feats.

On the other hand, we have personal security endangered (in an age of social security) by crime on the streets. Education is sometimes controlled by riot. The nation once again—is at war. Both leadership and authority which were once respected—or feared—are being challenged many times each day. We have enormous waves of poverty and hunger in our ocean of affluence. The increase in venereal disease and the use of mind-control drugs by our young people is awesome. Pornography is at such heights that one wonders if we still have a definition of the word "vulgar."

One can conclude that as we have advanced in some facets of our society we have failed to advance in some of our social thinking. The trip to the moon by Apollo 8 and Apollo 10, and their safe return, is a reality—but so are the social problems of 20th Century American children. Some problems of children leave deep scars on the individual; others leave broad, dark marks on society.

The third basic question that needs consideration on our 50th Anniversary is "Where do we go from here?" The American Legion as an organization has had a Task Force for the Future working on this question for the past two years. The Task Force hopes to suggest guidelines to The American Legion for the years ahead.

In the broad field of children and youth many objectives suggest themselves—objectives that at first seem far afield, but ones that have a tremendous influence on our children. One such objective might be for The American Legion to help the nation look realistically at the social problems that exist in the 1970's—and not to remember them as they were 50, 25 or even 10 years ago.



COMMUNICATING: The communication, or generation gap, is supposed to be one of the main problems of our era and one of the principal reasons for the restlessness among our young people. A feature of each of the five regional Child Welfare conferences during 1968-69 was a panel discussion, with young Americans participating, to discuss this problem and other aspects of our society as seen by the nation's youth. Typical of these panels is the one pictured here which took place at the Southern Area Conference in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dozens of other objectives suggest themselves. For example, during the past 50 years, The American Legion along with other private and public agencies has done what it could to alleviate dependency, but we have been unable to eradicate poor health, poor housing, poor education, racial discrimination, underemployment and unemployment. These are some of the causes of dependency and these are factors that have helped foment crisis in our cities. All of them affect children and youth and it is perhaps time that one of our major objectives should be to help the nation resolve its serious urban problems.

Space limitations permit only one more suggested objective for the future—and although last it is by no means least. Helping children and young people to develop sound value standards is as important to the future of the nation as is nutritious food, decent housing and good medical care. Perhaps, it is time for The American Legion to examine what kind of value standards society has established—examine them with young people themselves whom we ask to accept and understand them. Will such words as "responsibility," "respect," "patriotism," "conscientious" and "trust" lose their importance in a new value system? They will unless concerned people plan for a society in which such concepts remain important.

"Our Children—Force for the Future"—and a wonderful force they are. If The American Legion can help prevent misunderstandings, help prevent a deterioration of value standards, help prevent urban problems, poor health, poor education and poor employment—the future of both the individual and the nation will be enriched.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

George Ehinger (Delaware), *President*
Randel Shake (Indiana), *Executive Secretary*

A very important and effective part of The American Legion's total Child Welfare program is the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., established in 1954. Since that time the Foundation has quietly gone about its business of receiving contributions and making grants to achieve its two primary purposes, namely: (1) to add to the sum total of man's knowledge about children and youth through research; and, (2) to make the knowledge society already possesses more effective through wider distribution.

The Foundation has had more than $440,000 made available to it since its beginning fifteen years ago. Funds have come from bequests, earnings, and primarily from contributions made by members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Its use of these funds is dedicated to the principle of preventing, to the degree possible, the many social and physical ills that affect our children.



Pre-school vision testing is a vital part of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Child Welfare programming in some areas of the country. This youngster in Arizona is receiving a simple vision test to discover an eye defect known as "Lazy Eye Blindness."

As a small foundation it is likewise dedicated to the principle of making grants of a "seeding" nature. The Foundation has learned in its history that by making even small grants for the right purpose at the right time, it can be of tremendous help to children. Time after time, our "small starts" have attracted larger sums from other sources to carry on to effectiveness those things the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation started.

At its meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 14, 1969, authorizations of $44,500 were made for four projects: (1) $15,000 went to the Berkshire Farm Institute for Training and Research. The Institute has produced a series of public education radio programs about youth in trouble. These programs, essentially interviews with youngsters, have been recorded throughout the nation and have revealed the world of youth, its conflicts, its "hang ups," its strengths and weaknesses. The programs are now being carried on sixty stations across the country and 300 stations of Armed Forces Radio. They are available in addition to schools, churches, and community agencies to help create attitudes about youth and juvenile delinquency. (2) $8,500 was approved for use by the Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois, for a major examination of the relationship between youngsters from broken homes and their abilities to cope with academic and social situations in high school. A control group from normal family homes will be studied in regard to these same capabilities. Family disorganization brought about by broken homes, neglect, physical abuse, psychological cruelty, and other factors have been assumed to have a relationship with social disruption. Undoubtedly, these same conditions exact a serious toll in insecurity, fear, hate, anger, frustration, anxiety, helplessness, and hopelessness. (3) A third grant of $6,000 was made to the National Council on Illegitimacy to help establish a Technical Information and Consultation Center. The center will bring together the knowledge and experience of those working with the problem of illegitimacy to create a resource to fill the needs of community planners and agencies. (4) The sum of $15,000 was underwritten by the foundation to help provide equipment for a children's wing at a military field hospital in Quang Tri Province in South Vietnam. Many children have become battle casualties as well as having infections, fevers, malnutrition, and other serious illnesses. The children's wing is being built by privately contributed money made by Marines, ex-Marines and others. The foundation's money will help in providing equipment for this permanent 68-bed children's hospital to be phased into Vietnamese management later.

Including the above mentioned authorizations, the foundation has now made grants totaling over $360,000.



Donald J. Smith
Internal Affairs

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Donald J. Smith (Michigan), *Chairman*
C. W. Geile (Indiana), *Director*

Internal Affairs is the name given to the Commission and Division which are responsible for many of the "housekeeping" functions of the National Organization.

Four standing committees are attached to the Internal Affairs Commission for supervision and coordination—Membership and Post Activities; Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials; Constitution and By-Laws; and Resolutions Assignment. In addition, the staff of the Internal Affairs Division provides all necessary staff services for the Contests Supervisory Committee, which is attached to the National Convention Commission; the Subcommittee on Reorganization of the National Executive Committee; and, in part, for the special Task Force for the Future.

A separate report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee will be found elsewhere in this publication, but the Commission wishes to call particular attention to the success of this committee and its staff. At the time this report was prepared, even though it was still seven months until the close of calendar year 1969, it was already apparent that 1969 would record the fifth consecutive year of membership growth.

The Internal Affairs Commission, or an executive section of it, held three meetings during the previous 12 months—September 6-7, 1968, in New Orleans, Louisiana, just prior to the 50th National Convention there; October 14-15, Indianapolis, Indiana, at the time of the fall meeting of the National Executive Committee; and May 6-7, 1969, in St. Louis, in connection with the spring meeting of the National Executive Committee, which commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus.

A brief catalog of some of the matters that have been before the Internal Affairs Commission during this period reflects the variety of subjects which this commission is called upon to handle:

A proposal to acquire a bust of the late President Eisenhower for the National Headquarters Museum;

Congressional testimony in support of a bill providing certain improvements and liberalizations of postal service for members of the Armed Forces;

Action to urge American Legion Posts to concern themselves with anti-litter campaigns locally;

Authorization for the issuance of charters for new American Legion Posts in foreign countries, including South Vietnam and the Republic of the Philippines;

Creation of a procedure to safeguard the names and addresses of a new alphabetical listing of all members of The American Legion;

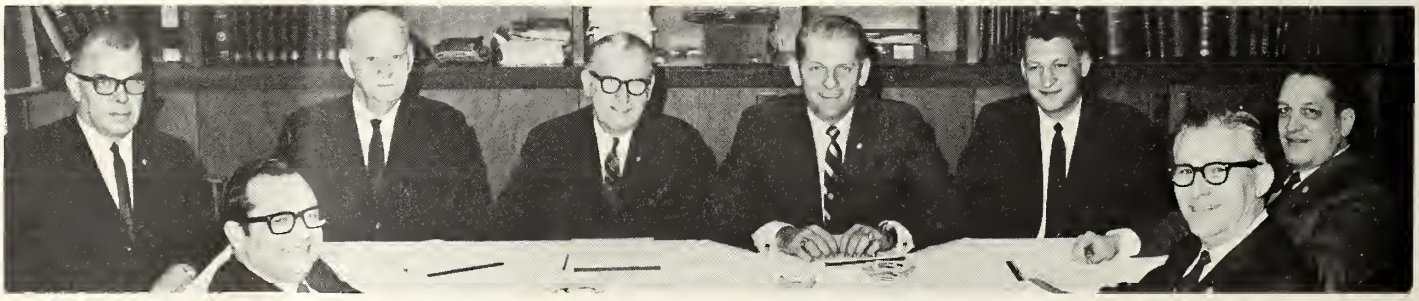
Consideration of various proposals having to do with the internal structure of The American Legion (i.e., the creation of new committees and commissions; home station of National Field Service, etc.);

Consideration of various resolutions either to enlarge or restrict current membership eligibility requirements;

Creation of a new international award to be known as the Canadian-American Friendship Award; elimination of another little-used award;

A cooperative plan with the National Emblem Sales Committee to make available an inexpensive Life Membership Card.

In addition to policy matters such as the above, which were referred to the Internal Affairs Commission for decision, the Internal Affairs Division at National Headquarters in Indianapolis carries on a myriad of administrative functions: all of the thousands of details of the annual membership campaign; publication of the monthly *American Legion Advance;* operation of the National Headquar-



Looking forward to a second half-century of service to America, The American Legion has its Task Force For The Future which is to establish guidelines for the Legion in the years ahead. Membership of the Task Force shown above (clockwise) are: H. C. Zimmerman; Dr. Edwin L. Peterson; Past National Commander Ray Murphy; James V. Day; Past National Commander William E. Galbraith; Frank Naylor, Jr.; Theodore F. Foedisch and L. O. Bickel.

ters Motion Picture Library; The American Legion Extension Institute; Sons of The American Legion; cooperative advertising mats; billboard posters; editing of the National Adjutants Newsletter and the National Headquarters Employees publication, HEP; all Post charter records, which were placed on microfilm during the past year; a National Membership Workshop; and numerous other day-to-day activities necessary to the smooth operation of a huge voluntary organization.

Also presented in connection with but not a part of the Internal Affairs Report are a number of tables reflecting the work of the Administrative Services Division at National Headquarters. This Division is not a part of the Internal Affairs Division but operates under the supervision of the Assistant Executive Director of the Indianapolis Headquarters, Mr. Hollis C. Hull (Ore.).

Membership and Post Activities

William F. Gormley (Pennsylvania), *Chairman*
J. Lloyd Wignall (Utah), *Director*

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Total official membership, 1967	2,585,202
Total official membership, 1968	2,623,112
1968 membership, as of July 1, 1968	2,576,613
1969 membership, as of July 1, 1969	2,617,109

Membership gains during the 50th Anniversary year of The American Legion assures that this was a "Golden Year" and that Legionnaires generally were dedicated to "Forging The Future" of their oganization in hues as bright as the past.

While most Legionnaires paused to review our accomplishments, there was no let up in developing the manpower so essential to a long and successful future. When this report is distributed during the Atlanta Convention it is very probable that The American Legion will have achieved a fifth straight year of growth. A gain was assured when the membership turn-in as of May 1 was tabulated. Two-thirds of the Departments were showing a gain; one-half were over final 1968 and six were already at an all-time high.

While exact statistics for a detailed analysis were not available, there was rather conclusive proof that our gain was the direct result of recruiting success among our newest eligibles—the Viet-Time veterans.

And there have been successes at every level. There are entire Departments doing a magnificent job. There are Districts where the enthusiasm generated by a successful Viet-Time veteran program spills over at every meeting. More and more Posts have learned that the door through which these young men will enter is opened by service and recognition. "Service first—membership second" has become a by-word but a by-word with meaning.

National surveys show that over one third of recently discharged veterans do have need of assistance despite the magnificent job being done by the Veterans Administration and other federal agencies. This is the meat that gives substance to an all-out contact program. During the 1969 membership year this was launched as the "Our Kind of Guy" program. For 1970 it has become an integral part of our hopes for a sixth consecutive year of growth.

For years, The American Legion National Headquarters has issued an annual membership planning guide. But there is no 1970 national membership planning guide. Instead, there is a 1970 plan for service—"Decision Now." We are committed—completely—to the belief that service must come first.

Membership is no less important than it ever was. But today, the good of our country and the welfare of the returning servicemen and women dictate that service must be given the top priority.

Fortunately, if we do a good service job, the membership effort will get an automatic boost. But, even if the veterans of this Vietnam period were not eligible to join The American Legion, we would still be insisting that our responsibilities to serve them should take the lead over our desire to have a healthy, growing membership.

The returning Vietnam veteran finds a nation which never was completely committed to a conflict in which he was asked to risk his life and in which over 30,000 of his fellow servicemen gave their lives. He finds a vocal minority which may be actually supporting the enemy. He may return to a city torn by racial strife and after his military experience, may find it difficult to understand why civilian America has not been able to solve this problem.

If he's going to find recognition and understanding anywhere, certainly it should be from The American Legion.

The new veterans are going back to school or entering training programs in unprecedented numbers. They are going to be better educated and have better jobs than their World War II fathers and World War I grandfathers. There's no doubt that the leaders of just a few years hence



MEMBERSHIP go-getters across the country will better this mark, but for a National Commander with a hectic schedule of full-time American Legion activity, the 37 new members signed by National Commander William C. Doyle by the time this report went to press, constitutes a better-than-average record and put the Commander on record as practicing what he preaches when membership is the subject. The Commander is shown here signing up a Viet-Time Veteran during a visit to Vermont.

in all walks of life will come from their ranks. Today, they need the help of The American Legion. Tomorrow, The American Legion will need their leadership.

How great is our responsibility? The answer may awe and perhaps frighten you because what all of us do during this coming year will have a very vital and direct bearing on the entire future of The American Legion. This is a crucial year, perhaps the most crucial since World War II, which could well determine the impact that The American Legion will have for the next ten, twenty or thirty years and perhaps forever.

Today, and in the immediate tomorrows, Legionnaires from thousands of Posts will be making decisions, either actively or by default, that will determine the future of their Posts. In many cases the decision will determine whether a Post lives or dies.

At the close of World War II there was a period of decision making just as real as the period today. Every Post had to decide whether it was to remain a World War I member Post or if it would open membership to World War II veterans.

Now it's that time again. "Decision Now" simply tells us that the choice must be made today, not next year or the year after. Our first and immediate decision must be: (1) Do we forget about five million new veterans except for the casual drop-ins, or (2) do we decide that here is the future of The American Legion, and perhaps, of America?

Posts Chartered
6/1/68 to 5/31/69

Number of Posts 6/1/68	16,249
Canceled 6/1/68 to 6/1/69	139
Chartered same period	87
Number of Posts 6/1/69	16,197



NEW HIGH: Patrick Milloy (center), National Executive Committeeman from North Dakota, reports a new all-time high membership total for the Flickertail State of 30,000 American Legionnaires, or 55 percent of the Department's eligible veteran population. Milloy makes the report to National Commander William C. Doyle (right), on the floor of the NEC Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., as National Membership Chairman William F. Gormley beams approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

James S. Whitfield (Missouri), *Executive Director*
Hollis C. Hull (Oklahoma), *Assist. Executive Director*

The Administrative Services Division was established in the National Headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 1, 1966, at the time of the reorganization of the Internal Affairs Division. Prior to that date, the functions now assigned to the Administrative Services Division had been a part of the Internal Affairs Division. These functions include: Printing, purchasing, shipping and supplies; mail and cashier; library and Emil A. Blackmore Museum; stenographic pool; personnel records and recruitment; cafeteria, and building maintenance.

The following statistical tables are indicative of the volume of work routinely performed by this Division:

Mail
6/1/68 to 5/31/69

Incoming Letters (Distributed to Divisions for Processing)	2,435,770
Incoming Parcels	2,704
Outgoing Letters (Tubmail Used for Departments)	305,250
Outgoing Parcels (Exclusive of National Emblem Sales)	51,407

Duplicating
6/1/68 to 5/31/69

Pages mimeographed	866,913
Pages multigraphed and multilithed	4,120,058
Envelopes and labels addressed	459,832
Letters transcribed	8,386
Addressograph plates cut	9,025
Telegrams	846
Xerox copies	615,247

Supplies
6/1/68 to 5/31/69

Paper Cut and Processed
612 reams or 9,792 lbs. (4.89 tons)

Freight and Express
6/1/68 to 6/1/69

In	416 Cartons (10,198 lbs.)
Out	2,293 Cartons (94,446 lbs.)

Library & Emil A. Blackmore Museum
6/1/68 to 5/31/69

Material added to Library	102,234
Informational requests answered by staff	8,036
Items added to Emil A. Blackmore Museum	52



Clarence S. Campbell
Economic

ECONOMIC COMMISSION

Clarence S. Campbell (Vermont), *Chairman*
Austin E. Kerby (Maryland), *Director*

In this, the 50th Anniversary year of The American Legion, the Economic Commission still operates on the principle that those who were preferred to serve their nation in the Armed Forces in time of war should be preferred to serve in time of peace. We are reminded once again of the action taken at the first National Convention in Minneapolis in 1919, when the first order of business was the concern that veterans be gainfully employed and provided certain preference in Federal employment.

Great emphasis is now being placed on properly integrating the returning Vietnam era veteran into the mainstream of society. The Commission and its affiliated Committees recognize the responsibility of The American Legion to these young veterans and accordingly are making an all out attempt to render them every possible assistance. This being our goal The American Legion's Subcommittee on Small Business met with Small Business Administration officials to explore the possibilities of a Small Business Administration program to assist veterans who wish to operate their own businesses and turn to the SBA for financial help. The Economic Commission is also supporting legislation to provide preference to Vietnam era veterans in obtaining loans through the Farmers Home Administration, as well as several proposals to modify unemployment compensation benefit for veterans of the Vietnam war.

The Economic Commission continues to carry on an aggressive employment program for all war veterans with special emphasis on the disabled and older veteran. To this end, "National Employ the Handicapped Week" was observed October 6-12, 1968, in conjunction with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and "Employ the Older Worker Week" was observed May 4-10, 1969, for the eleventh consecutive year. These citation award programs are designed to promote and encourage employers to hire and retain the handicapped and older worker, especially veterans. One company recently recognized by The American Legion for its employment policy proudly displays a sign reading "Experience Should Be a Guide-Post, not a Hitching Post."

On May 2, 1969, the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, at its Annual Meeting, recognized The American Legion on its 50th Anniversary and expressed deep gratitude for the Legion's cooperation and outstanding program of promoting jobs for disabled veterans and other handicapped persons. The presentation was made at a "Salute to Veterans" luncheon at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

By National Executive Committee action the Economic Commission will join in a cooperative publicity endeavor with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and American Legion Posts and Departments in an effort to reduce the thoughtless architectural barriers now denying disabled veterans and other students of a wide choice of educational institutions.

By authority of the 1968 National Convention the Economic Commission testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the Department of Labor budget request for adequate funds for the Veterans Employment Service, employment of the older worker and the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights. In addition it was requested that sufficient funds be "ear marked" so that the Department of Labor may allocate adequate staff in the state employment offices to provide the maximum of job opportunities to war veterans as required by law.

The Veterans Employment Service fared well in the recently completed reorganization of the Manpower Administration within the Department of Labor. The original proposed reorganization, strenuously opposed by the Economic Commission, would have eliminated the National



Clarence Campbell, left, National Economic Commission chairman, and members of the Economic staff meet with representatives of the Small Business Administration to discuss the possibility of some type of veterans preference in obtaining small business loans.

Headquarters staff of the Veterans Employment Service and fragmented the service. As implemented, the manpower reorganization in fact strengthened the Veterans Employment Service and should afford a more adequate service to those veterans seeking employment assistance.

Earlier this year there were rumors that Administration personnel planners had discussed the possibility of watering down the Veterans Preference Act, which they considered was hampering effective management in the Federal Service. However, at this writing the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission advises "that the present Administration has no intention of seeking changes in this legislation."

Even though the Administration has taken this view, there are continuous administrative attempts to violate or circumvent veterans' preference. Currently we are concerned with the General Services Administration's policy of contracting out guard and custodian services. We believe this policy is in violation of the Veterans Preference Act since these jobs are restricted to veterans. If curtailment of the contracting out policy cannot be obtained administratively, we will seek corrective legislation.

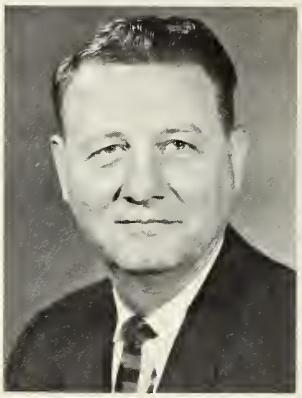
This is the Silver Anniversary of The American Legion sponsored G.I. Bill of Rights. As a result of the G.I. home loan provision, nearly 7.5 million veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam have obtained guaranteed insured or direct loans totalling some 75 billion dollars. The repayment record is outstanding for which we can all be proud. The loan features of the G.I. Bill continue to attract veteran home buyers and lenders.



Harold Russell, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, presents a citation of appreciation to The American Legion during the Legion's 50th Anniversary year, in recognition of American Legion programs in support of efforts to promote employment of disabled veterans and handicapped individuals. National Vice Commander John A. Jones, of West Virginia, accepts the citation on behalf of The American Legion.

After one-half century, the economic welfare of the individual veteran and his dependents still remains the primary interest of the Economic Commission. This fact is borne out by our staff workload. During the past year we received more than 4,500 pieces of mail concerning individual claims and appeals.

All functions relating to the economic welfare of veterans are important; however, our direct line of service to the individual veteran is the prime function of the Economic Commission.



C. D. DeLoach
Public Relations

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

C. D. DeLoach (District of Columbia), *Chairman*
James C. Watkins (District of Columbia), *Director*

The American Legion's Golden Anniversary year could not possibly have had a more productive send-off from the standpoint of Public Relations and resulting good publicity than that provided by the 50th Annual National Convention.

With the President of the United States and the three leading candidates for the Presidency appearing on our Convention platform within the span of 48 hours, with each of these men accompanied by a traveling press corps, and with each one drawing special press crews for his particular appearance, no American Legion National Convention in recent memory has commanded greater attention by the nation's news media.

It was a tremendous launching for what has proved to be a tremendous year for the Legion's Public Relations program. National Commander Doyle set the stage for the Golden Anniversary observance with his announcement of his theme of emphasis for the year: "Fifty Years of 100 Percent Americanism—A Commitment to Freedom."

Carrying this theme across the country and around the world during his term of office, the National Commander made Americans and the world aware that his theme was not an idle boast, but rather an accurate description of the first half-century of American Legion history.

Most of the special efforts, not only of the Public Relations Division, but of the entire organization have, during this year, been directed toward the 50th Anniversary observance, and this total effort has paid large dividends.

First significant event after the New Orleans Convention was The American Legion hosting of the 1968 Veterans Day ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, including the hosting of a reception



First formal press conference following his election is conducted by National Commander William C. Doyle at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. It was but one of well over a hundred similar conferences in which the Commander participated during his term of office.

for military and diplomatic dignitaries of many countries that have been allied with America militarily and otherwise, and the opportunity for a significant Veterans Day message by the National Commander.

Our actual birthday observance, the 50th Anniversary of the first day of the Paris Caucus, March 15, was the concluding day of our Ninth Annual Washington Conference and a truly historic day in the life of the Legion. Our Gift to the Nation, a lighting system for the Tomb of the Unknowns and perpetual maintenance for the installation, was presented by the National Commander and received on behalf of the nation by President Richard M. Nixon.

This event, coupled with first day ceremonies for an American Legion Commemorative postage stamp earlier in the day, gave us major news coverage across the country, and a buildup to these special projects had brought us fine advance coverage over a period of several weeks.

Other major events of the conference included the premier showing of a special 50th Anniversary documentary film entitled "An American Legend," produced for us by Warner Bros.-Seven Arts and narrated by the distinguished motion picture and television star Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. The National Commander presented Mr. Zimbalist with the Public Relations Award for 1969 at a PR luncheon attended by about 750 persons, which was another news and social highlight of our conference.

The documentary film, reviewed again at the St. Louis N.E.C. meetings following editing, now is available at a cost of $75 per print. We also had extensive film coverage of the Washington meetings by Walter Klein Associates, and sponsored by Pan American World Airways. Walter Klein also produced the 50th Annual National Convention film. Both of the latter productions are available for Post and Department usage in further promotion of the 50th Anniversary and beyond.

Twenty-six TV taped interviews with United States Senators and Legion leaders were produced for home Department consumption, a home-town news service was again operated, and special photographic service was given by PR for home town usage. A 25-minute tape of highlights of conference speeches by our major speakers was made available to all Departments. Other news developments almost too numerous to mention were given the fullest possible treatment during the conference.

The spring meeting of the N.E.C. in St. Louis, Mo., commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, with its rededication of the plaque marking the site of the caucus of 50 years ago, dedication of a Missouri monument and placing of a 50-year time capsule, an American Legion salute to organized baseball on the 100th Anniversary of the national pastime, and prominent speakers such as Congressmen Richard Ichord and L. Mendel Rivers gave us another great news push in the spring of the year.

Our newspaper coverage of the 50th Anniversary was enhanced by preparation of a clipsheet (eight tabloid-size pages), two additional tabloid printed pages and a dozen pages of mimeographed material plus some 15 photos of historical and 50th birthday significance, which were given a blanket mailing to every daily newspaper in the United



Distinguished actor Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., receives American Legion National Commander's award for his portrayal of a law enforcement officer on the television program, "The F.B.I." and for his work in narrating "An American Legend," a Warner Bros.-Seven Arts documentary on the first 50 years of The American Legion produced in cooperation with American Legion Public Relations.

States. Our American Legion News Service mailing list received the same materials and all Departments were offered an adequate quantity to cover the weekly papers in their Departments if they chose to make such a mailing. About ten Departments accepted the offer.

Resulting publicity from this effort was almost incalculable, ranging from single news stories and editorial comment, to special features in supplements of major newspapers, to a 64-page special edition of a daily newspaper, and the tenor of these stories was almost universally favorable.

We inherited the full responsibility for 50th Anniversary promotion late in the game, and with a tight budget, but the results have been most gratifying, and the efforts mentioned here, plus special TV slides and spots and our record of celebrity spots for radio usage have brought us a range and volume of good American Legion news such as we have not seen for many years.



James E. Powers
Publications

PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

James E. Powers (Georgia), *Chairman*
James F. O'Neil (New Hampshire), *Publisher*
The American Legion Magazine

The American Legion Magazine and The American Legion are closing out a most important year in their histories, the Golden Anniversary for both in that each had their beginnings in 1919.

Time has brought about many changes, more for the magazine than The American Legion. The periodical started as a weekly on July 4th, 1919, within weeks of the Paris and St. Louis caucuses of March and May of that year. In 1926, the magazine became a monthly and has continued as such since. Of course, there have been personnel changes as well as revision of format. But today it remains as the sole general interest magazine in the monthly field.

Because of the 50th Anniversary, much of the editorial content has smacked of the nostalgic. The March, or Birthday Issue, told the stories of the Paris and St. Louis meetings of 1919 and the First National Convention in November of that year in Minneapolis.

The reactions to same were exceptional, with surprising interest being manifested by the veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The magazine also played an important role in the highly successful campaign for funds for the Gift to the Nation —the permanent lighting facilities of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Space also has been devoted, limited to be sure by circumstances, to the many fine 50th Anniversary programs that have been conducted by many Departments and Posts working in conjunction with their respective Auxiliary components.

The New York office has been re-located. It is now on the 12th floor at 1345 Avenue of the Americas (Sixth Avenue), corner of 54th and 55th Streets, in Burlington House, the site of the razed Ziegfeld Theatre. The telephone number (Area Code 212-586-3110) and the Zip Code (10019) remain unchanged. A 15-year lease expired on June 30th at 720 Fifth Avenue, necessitating the move.

Sensitive to the readership, Editor Robert B. Pitkin has developed a program of providing articles of deep personal concern to our readers and the results have been most gratifying. These have covered such items as food, automobile insurance, the Post Office, the draft vs. the volunteer army, blood, Civil Defense, and other subjects relating to national security, housing and education, etc., in their specific as well as their broad aspects. The subject of editorial content is one of constant study and planning, and in the main we believe that the results have been good.

No consideration or discussion of the magazine, its current position and the future, can be held without touching on finances. Cost factors of producing and distributing more than 2,600,000 magazines are enormous. They continue to rise in this inflationary period and no relief is in sight.



Commander Doyle presents National Commander's award to William B. Hendricks, director and producer of "An American Legend," a Warner Bros.-Seven Arts documentary depicting the first fifty years of The American Legion. Presentation took place during Public Relations luncheon at Washington Conference.

Every conceivable economy is introduced into the operation, but returns to the National Treasury to help defray the cost of essential programs are declining. Some of the plus factors are steady but not spectacular increases in membership and a greater interest in The American Legion Magazine itself. Unfortunately, this has not had the impact on advertising income as some, unacquainted with the problems, might think. Each year it is necessary to run harder and faster to stand still or drop behind.

In the interest of economy, the direct advertising sales force maintained in the New York Office was eliminated on January 1, 1969. Previously, the Chicago advertising office was closed. Advertising is now handled by Robert P. Redden Associates, Inc., 111 W. 57th Street, New York City, as Publisher's Representative in New York and Chicago, by JE Publisher's Representative, 8380 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90069, and 420 Market Street, San Francisco, 94111, for the West Coast. The move was carried out effectively and the general feeling is that the operation will be successful.

The computerized system is functioning smoothly with better service now being made available, not only to the subscribers, Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires, but also to Posts, Departments and many divisions of the National Organization. Studies are being carried on constantly to find other outlets for utilizing the equipment when it is not engaged in its regular operations.

Currently the manufacturing problems—including printing and paper—appear to be under control although inflationary trends offer a threat to maintaining stability. Distribution costs continue to rise, and another installment in the rising postal rate structure will up our mailing expenditures for 1969 by another $25,000, to match a similar jump last year—or a $50,000 increase since 1967.

The total revenue of The American Legion Magazine in 1968 was $3,454.146.90, and the expenditures amounted to $3,027,571.27. The net gain reverted to the general fund to help defray the cost of regular American Legion programs. It is going to be difficult to provide any gain in net return this year.



Publisher James F. O'Neil, of The American Legion Magazine, and George Levy, a long-time member of the National Publications Commission, confer during meetings just shortly before Mr. Levy's resignation as a member of the Commission for reasons of personal health.



Publications Commission members submit reports to Commission Chairman James E. Powers (standing left), and Publisher James F. O'Neil (also standing), during recent meetings of the Commission held in conjunction with the annual Washington Conference.



William F. Lenker
Rehabilitation

REHABILITATION COMMISSION

William F. Lenker (South Dakota), *Chairman*
E. H. Golembieski (Pennsylvania), *Director*

The delegates to the 1968 National Convention formulated a Rehabilitation program reflecting The American Legion's continued concern over the adequacy of the Veterans Administration's compensation, pension, and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance programs; the national cemetery system; and, funds for the operation of the Veterans Administration medical and hospital program.

While efforts have been extended to improve all aspects of the veterans affairs program, recent developments have focused attention on the sufficiency of funds in the fiscal 1970 budget estimates for the operation of VA programs, primarily its medical and hospital care program.

Budget limitations imposed in past years, and personnel limitations necessitated by the Revenue and Expenditures



Prior to offering American Legion testimony on the current Rehabilitation-Legislative program of The American Legion, National Commander Doyle, Rehabilitation Director Ed Golembieski and National Rehabilitation Chairman William F. Lenker visit with Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, in the Congressman's offices.

Control Act of 1968, had impaired the VA's ability to render qualitative service to some 27 million veterans.

National Commander William C. Doyle, at the time of his appearance before the Committee on Veterans Affairs, House of Representatives, March 13, 1969, made known The American Legion's concern when he stated, "As you know, the single most important factor in the provision of quality medical care is a sufficient number of well qualified, well motivated, and satisfied professional staff. So that the Veterans Administration may effectively carry out the commitments of the nation to those who served, and to their dependents and survivors, we urge your support of increased appropriations for the Veterans Administration, particularly those needed for sustaining efficient service, and for medical and hospital care second to none."

At present, the Veterans Administration is operating with the lowest personnel-patient ratio in the nation. There are about 1.5 employees to each patient. In the community hospitals the ratio is about 2.65 employees per patient, and in the university hospitals it varies from 3.5 to 4 employees per patient.

In addition, there is a need for additional employees in the medical and research program, an essential element in the triad of medicine—patient treatment, teaching, and research.

The VA appropriations in the fiscal 1970 budget estimates submitted to Congress in January, 1969 would have authorized an additional 3,578 medical care personnel and an additional 498 employees in the medical and prosthetic research program.

However, on April 15, 1969, the Bureau of the Budget issued the new administration's revised budget estimates for fiscal 1970, wherein VA appropriations under existing legislation will be reduced by some $61.6 million.

These budget amendments, if effected, will, among other things, preclude the VA from employing the additional 3,578 medical care personnel as programmed, and will prevent a staffing ratio increase of 5.8 per 100 patients in the VA hospital system as anticipated.

Also, the VA will be forced to eliminate the staffing of 498 employees in the medical and prosthetic research program, which will adversely affect its ability not only to provide adequate support for its on-going research activities, but will serously affect its ability to carry out new research in specified areas of unmet needs.

National Rehabilitation Commission Director Edward H. Golembieski presented testimony to the Subcommittee on Hospitals, Committee on Veterans Affairs, House of Representatives, on April 28, 1969; and to the Subcommittee on Independent Offices, Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, on May 21, 1969, at which time he pointed out the adverse effect the VA budget cuts would have on the VA medical program, and he strongly urged that sufficient funds be appropriated for the care and treatment of our sick and disabled veterans.

With regard to other topics and matters under the Commission's jurisdiction, we are pleased to advise that the House of Representatives has passed one measure supported by The American Legion, and three others have been favorably reported to the House by the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

HR 6808, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the prohibition against receipt of certain federal education assistance, passed the House May 19, 1969. This measure, if enacted, would satisfy the intent of Res. No. 20, Spring 1969 NEC meeting.



Hospitalized servicemen in the U.S. Army Hospital, Ryukyu Islands, receive a surprise visit from National Commander William C. Doyle during the Commander's trip to the Far East and to the combat areas of South Vietnam.

The three measures favorably reported, but not acted upon by the House at the time this report was written, are: HR 692, to extend the length of time community nursing home care may be provided at the expense of the federal government from six to nine months (Res. No. 31, Spring 1969 NEC meeting); HR 693, to provide that veterans who are 70 years of age or older shall be deemed to be unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital or domiciliary care (Res. No. 23, Spring 1969 NEC meeting); and HR 3130, to provide that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs may furnish medical services for nonservice-connected disability to any veteran whose service-connected disability is totally disabling.

In closing, we wish to alert you to the fact that there have been recent reports that attempts may be made to have the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare assume some leadership in veterans affairs. The Commission is keeping abreast of such reports, and it intends to closely observe the activities of a recently appointed Presidential advisory committee to study the organization of the executive branch of the government.

The American Legion continues to believe that the single agency concept for the administration of programs made available for veterans and their dependents is the most effective and efficient.



Ever concerned with the well-being of America's servicemen and hospitalized veterans, The American Legion, whenever practicable, invites these men from military installations in the area near where major functions of the organization might be conducted, to attend as guests of the organization. The Viet-Time veteran in the wheel chair, being greeted by the Commander and Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, was one of several serviceman guests at the Commander's banquet for the National Executive Committee in St. Louis, Mo.



National Commander William C. Doyle testifies on the Legion's current Rehabilitation-Legislative program before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs during the Ninth Annual Washington Conference in March of this year.



Emmett G. Lenihan
National Security

NATIONAL SECURITY

Emmett G. Lenihan (Washington), *Chairman*
James R. Wilson, Jr. (Pennsylvania), *Director*

The consistent pattern of American Legion policies on national security has advocated superiority rather than parity for America's defense. In a troubled era, supposedly triggered by our nation's failure to strive for a decisive military victory in Vietnam, pressure is mounting to delay or cancel needed weapon systems, and to degrade military preparedness in general.

As an organization, The American Legion, based upon mandates of its National Convention and National Executive Committee, does not plan to sit idly by while this happens. Three areas of national security were so pressing that the NEC, in a dramatic departure from Washington Conference tradition, adopted resolutions supporting ROTC, ABM deployment, and urged action in Vietnam.

We have used our influence and prestige to support the development and deployment of the Anti-Ballistic Missile system, our advanced manned strategic aircraft, and needed naval ship construction in order to retain a creditable deterrent posture.

Through programs and legislative activities, the National Security Commission and Division have earnestly sought

to help our nation achieve these objectives. In order to better equip its members to evolve policies on national defense matters, the National Security Commission continued its practice of visiting military bases prior to the National Convention. Before the New Orleans Convention, under Air Force sponsorship, 110 members of the Commission visited and were given in-depth briefings on Military Airlift Command and TAC at Scott and Eglin Air Force Bases.

ROTC

Although this has been a banner year in terms of the number of ROTC medals awarded, mounting and widespread dissident pressure to weaken and eventually destroy ROTC is a distinct threat to this vital security program. National Commander Doyle sent a letter and a copy of the strong ROTC resolution, adopted by the NEC, to all college and university presidents. This mandate updated The American Legion's long and steadfast support for a strong ROTC at a time when it is coming under increased attack by dissidents throughout the nation.

Many Departments have taken their fight in behalf of ROTC direct to the colleges and universities where the future of ROTC on the campuses is being challenged. A notable example is Pennsylvania where American Legion officials have enlisted the active support of their State Legislators in preserving ROTC at the University of Pittsburgh.

Anti-Ballistic Missile System

Resolutions in strong support of an ABM system were adopted at New Orleans and the Washington Conference. In concurring with President Nixon that it is "vital for the security and defense of the United States and also in the interest of peace throughout the world," the National Security Commission launched a strong campaign designed to make the Legion voice heard. Statements of our position were forwarded to the President and all Members of Congress and general support was called for from the membership of The American Legion and Auxiliary.



National Commander William C. Doyle, himself a long-time member and former Chairman of the Legion's National Security Commission, pays a courtesy call on General Earle G. Wheeler, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during visit to the Pentagon.



Always alert to the needs of the nation's defense establishment and eager to keep informed through the most reliable of sources, The American Legion National Executive Committee hears from Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, of South Carolina, Chairman of the House Committee on the Armed Services, during spring meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Here the National Commander presents the Congressman with shadow box replicas of the Legion's 50th Anniversary medallion.

Vietnam

In order to have first hand knowledge and understanding of the war in Vietnam, immediately after the National Convention, National Commander Doyle and Security Director Wilson visited American and allied troops in all five Corps areas in October, 1968. Soon after their return to the United States, a "bomb halt" was announced. Between then and the Washington Conference, repeated violations by North Vietnam and a marked increase in communist aggression caused the Legion to call for "an appropriate response" to secure a lasting and honorable peace there.

Law And Order

The nation-wide campaign in support of law and order, inaugurated in 1966, has been continued with vigor under Commander Doyle. In his acceptance speech, he said, "The time has come for us to drive home to Americans everywhere the message that law and order is the cornerstone of our way of life. The time has come for American Legionnaires, not to point the way, but to lead the way." Over 18,000 Certificates of Commendation have been awarded to police officers for outstanding service since 1966. Millions of "Maintain Law and Order" bumper stickers and coloring posters for school children have been used in the campaign.

Blood Donations

The American Legion has long regarded the giving of blood as a civic responsibility. Through its more than 16,000 Posts, it has conducted an active blood program since World War II. Nearly all Departments now participate in this humanitarian effort to assure a plentiful supply of blood for military and civilian needs.

Because demands for blood increase sharply during the Christmas holiday season, while the number of donors drops, The American Legion and the Auxiliary joined the American Red Cross in sponsoring an annual holiday drive for blood which is gaining ever increasing support.

Military Justice

The Uniform Code of Military Justice Subcommittee, under the capable leadership of John J. Finn, which labored for more than ten years, saw many of its recommendations enacted into law when late in October, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the first overhaul of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in 18 years.

The new law seeks to eliminate the influence of local commanders on military courts, it requires that defendants in most special and general courts be assigned a qualified lawyer to defend them, and it authorizes servicemen to get a form of bail pending appeals of their convictions. The new law also permits defendants to request trial by a military judge, who would be a qualified lawyer, and it permits them to refuse a summary court martial. The American Legion has fought long to obtain equal military justice. While these changes do not accomplish all that we have felt necessary and desirable, unquestionably substantial progress has been made in accomplishing the end results which we have striven to obtain.



General William C. Westmoreland, recipient of The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal in 1968, former commander of the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and now Army Chief of Staff, receives courtesy call from National Commander Doyle who presented the General with a memento of the Legion's 50th Anniversary observance.



Members of the National Security Commission are briefed on Air Force equipment during a field trip immediately prior to the 50th Annual National Convention. Here the group is seen during its visit to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.



Clarence C. Horton
Legislative

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Clarence C. Horton (Alabama), *Chairman*
Herald E. Stringer (Alaska), *Director*

"To be solely responsible for representing The American Legion before the Congress of the United States, and each Committee thereof, on all legislative matters in which The American Legion is officially interested, and to assist the National Executive Committee in formulating an appropriate legislative program for each session of the Congress."

The above statement of purpose of the National Legislative Commission has remained essentially unchanged since 1919 when a "Legislative Bureau" was established in the nation's capital to represent The American Legion before the Congress.

The National Legislative Commission does not determine policy. Through its professional staff in Washington the Commission concentrates its efforts on carrying out American Legion objectives as expressed in resolutions (mandates) of National Conventions and the National Ex-



Commander Doyle and National Legislative Commission Chairman Clarence Horton (right), call on Congressman John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives, during the 1969 Washington Conference.



National Commander William C. Doyle, Legislative Chairman Clarence Horton, and Director Herald Stringer (extreme right), visit with Congressman Olin E. Teague, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, prior to the Commander's appearance to deliver Legion testimony before the House Committee.

ecutive Committee. Through the Legislative Bulletin and other Legion publications the Commission keeps the membership of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary informed of Congressional action on legislation of concern to the veteran and his dependents.

Resolutions adopted at the 1968 National Convention and at subsequent meetings of the National Executive Committee form the basis of our legislative program for the first session of the 91st Congress. The legislative portfolio now contains some 130 resolutions embracing all facets of The American Legion program with additional mandates expected to be approved at the 1969 National Convention.

Resolutions pertaining to Federal legislation continue in effect throughout a numbered term of Congress. Thus, every two years, The American Legion takes a new look at its legislative program.

The second session of the 90th Congress adjourned on October 14, 1968. In that session some 65 bills were enacted into law which were proposed and, or, supported by The American Legion. Included among these measures were Public Law 90-275 improving the pension program for nonservice-connected veterans; Public Law 90-493 increasing compensation to service-connected veterans; and Public Law 90-631 providing educational assistance to widows and wives of severely disabled veterans.

Representatives of The American Legion have presented testimony to Congressional committees on a number of occasions since the 91st Congress convened on January 3, 1969. Legislative mandates this year, as always, cover a broad range of activity. Major objectives include improvement in the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation program for widows and children of service-connected war veterans; resolution of the problems relating to our National Cemetery system; opposition to reductions in VA and Veterans Employment services and facilities, and support for the Safeguard Anti-Ballistic missile system and a strong national defense posture.

The Legislative Commission has met once in Washington since the National Convention last September and subcommittees thereof have been called into session twice to participate in meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission and its staff have had excellent cooperation and support from all national officers, commissions and divisions of both The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. We have also received effective assistance for our program from Department officers and members of the Legion and Auxiliary in Posts and Units across the country. To all of these individuals we express the gratitude of the Commission and staff for their support of our legislative program.



Typical of cooperative arrangements between The American Legion and the veterans organizations of allied nations, and a part of the total continuing effort to achieve international goodwill through mutual helpfulness, is the annual exchange of freedom torches between The American Legion and the war veterans of Belgium. Commander Doyle here passes the torch to Maj. Marc DeSender, Military Attache to the Belgian Embassy for transporting to Belgium by Pan American World Airways, represented by Stuart Wooster (left), for use in Veterans Day ceremonies in Belgium.



Thomas E. Whelan
Foreign Relations

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Thomas E. Whelan (North Dakota), *Chairman*
Warren H. MacDonald (Maryland), *Director*

Since the last National Convention, a new Administration has assumed control of our Federal government, including the awesome responsibility for the formulation and execution of the foreign policy of the United States. It is too early to say how the foreign policy of the new Administration will differ—especially as to the critical issues of concern to The American Legion—from that of the predecessor Administration.

What we can say at this juncture is that the foreign policy positions taken by Legion National Conventions are taken without regard to the particular party or personality in charge of the executive branch at any given moment in our country's history. As in the past, the positions we take must continue to express—clearly and concretely—what the majority of Legionnaires believe to be in the best interests of the United States as a whole.

It is important, however, that the 1969 National Convention make full use of the opportunity to bring to the attention of the new Administration in Washington precisely where our organization stands on the many serious foreign policy issues currently confronting the nation. Foremost among these issues is the unresolved war in Vietnam and the lack of any significant progress at the Paris peace talks.

Probably the major new development in the Vietnamese situation since the 1968 Convention is the full halt in U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, ordered by President Johnson last October. On the basis of the resolution (No. 441) adopted in New Orleans, it must be said that The American Legion did not favor that unilateral move. In fact, we urged intensified pressure against the enemy's homeland through the destruction of all hostile, strategic, and military-support targets there.

All of the conditions placed on the bomb halt have been violated repeatedly by North Vietnamese forces, without appropriate retaliation on our part. And, it seems clear that Ho Chi Minh has no early intentions of permitting his representatives in Paris to enter into "good-faith" or meaningful negotiations. He still seems to be clinging to the hope for a collapse of the American will to accept the continuing high cost of the war, especially the tragic loss of 200 and more U.S. servicemen each week.

It was to be expected, therefore, that the Legion's National Executive Committee would speak out on this vital matter at its special meeting at the time of the Washington Conference in March. In a tersely worded resolution (No. 5), the NEC took note of President Nixon's March 4 nation-wide report to the people in which he commented upon the escalation of the war by the communists—particularly their attacks upon the cities and civilian population of South Vietnam—and stated: "We will not tolerate a continuance of a violation of an understanding . . . and an appropriate response to these attacks will be made if that continues." The resolution then noted that, since the President's statement, (1) the communists have continued their attacks upon the South Vietnamese cities, and (2) the Paris peace talks after almost a year's duration have shown no apparent results that could end the war. With this premise, Resolution No. 5 resolved as follows: "That The American Legion states its firm belief that it is in the interest of peace or a military victory in Vietnam for the Government of the United States to make an appropriate response to the communist attacks."

If—by the time of our Atlanta National Convention—there is no abatement of the communist attacks and no "appropriate" retaliation by the U.S. side, the sense of NEC Resolution No. 5 needs to be taken into account in whatever expression of opinion the delegates see fit to make



Secretary of State William P. Rogers receives American Legion National Commander William C. Doyle as the two meet during a reception hosted by the State Department's American Legion Post for members of the National Foreign Relations Commission and distinguished guests during the Washington Conference.

concerning the unresolved Vietnamese situation. Also, the delegates should be mindful of a resolution which the Foreign Relations Commission developed for NEC consideration on the subject of American servicemen who are prisoners of North Vietnam or the Viet Cong. This is Resolution No. 40, (approved by the National Executive Committee at its meeting in St. Louis, May 8-9, 1969. This resolution asks the President of the United States "to instruct his Ambassador at the Paris Peace Conference on Vietnam to impress upon the representatives of North Vietnam and the Viet Cong that the safe, early, and complete return of all Americans now held by them is a matter of the utmost concern to this country and one which must be first provided for in any agreements reached concerning the settlement of the Vietnam war." This resolution had originated with the North Dakota Department Executive Committee, but is clearly expressive of the entire membership's feelings about the plight of American servicemen in the hands of the communist enemy. Underlying this resolution is the definite concern that—unless this country takes effective steps early enough—there could be a repetition of the tragic history of the post-Korean conflict when the Red Chinese failed to give us a full accounting of the fate of all American servicemen whom we had reason to believe had been captured as POWs.

Another resolution adopted by the NEC at the St. Louis meeting will also be of interest to the delegates to the Atlanta Convention. This is Resolution No. 41 on the subject of the Panama Canal. This resolution was originally considered by the New Orleans Convention (No. 531), but was referred for joint study by the Standing Commissions on Foreign Relations and National Security. In essence, the resolution places the Legion on record in support of Congressional legislation to provide for modernization and an increase in transit capacity of the Panama Canal in keeping with the engineering proposal known as the Terminal Lakes-Third Locks Plan.



The Panama Canal has been the subject of much international speculation and debate for several years, and The American Legion is on record favoring the continuation of the provisions of the treaty of 1903 and the maintenance of U.S. sovereign control over the Canal Zone. Above, National Commander Doyle watches the operation of a set of locks on the vital waterway.

All other actions and activities of the Foreign Relations Commission are covered in detail in the full annual report submitted to the Congress of the United States through the National Adjutant.

The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

William S. Todd (Tennessee), *Chairman*
Paul L. Weber (Nebraska), *Director*

On April 1, 1969, The American Legion Life Insurance Plan marked its eleventh anniversary. The Plan was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D. C., on February 22, 1958. In those eleven years, it has achieved many important goals. The Insurance Department is staffed by a National Headquarters employee who serves as Director to the Insurance Office, which is administered by the Youngberg-Carlson Co., in Chicago, Illinois. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission and reports through that Commisssion to the National Executive Committee.

Your Insurance Committee has met two times since the last report and is able to report again that the Plan has continued to grow and make improvements. The 15 percent "across the board" increase in benefits effective January 1, 1966, has been continued for the year of 1969.

Another item of major importance was the approval of a resolution pertaining to the Vietnam veteran. This was the creation of a new age bracket effective January 1, 1967. Under the new provision in the plan the Vietnam veteran may obtain $11,500.00 decreasing term insurance for an annual premium of $24.00 for the full unit of coverage or $5,750.00 for a half unit for $12.00 annually. This applies up through age 29; from age 30 up through age 34 the amount payable to the beneficiary is $9,200.00 for the full unit and $4,600.00 for the half unit. The other age brackets remain unchanged.

One of the innovations relating to the Insurance Plan is The American Legion Life Insurance Scholarship Program wherein participants in the Life Insurance Plan can nominate one applicant annually. This resolution was approved by the National Executive Committee at the May, 1967 meeting. It provided a total of 25 scholarships consisting of $2,000.00 each, payable over a four-year period. The National Executive Committee at its spring 1968 meeting approved increasing the number of scholarships to 50 each year, with benefits amounting to $100,000.00 annually.

The scholarships are being financed from a trust fund accumulated in conjunction with the Insurance Plan. First awards under the authorized project were made in the spring of 1968 during the National Executive Committee

meetings. The second awards were made during the National Executive Committee meeting May 8, 1969 at St. Louis, Missouri.

In eleven years, 5,475 claims were paid, amounting to $7,181,178.50 in benefits. During 1968 alone, an average of $114,687.00 was paid each month. These benefits were paid at no cost to the National Organization of The American Legion and at no expense to the membership.

Premiums and/or contributions for 1968 paid for life insurance protection amounted to $2,016,073.00. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administration expenses have been paid in the group states, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is presently $1,278,265.10 in the trust fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan is underwritten by two large and reputable companies, Occidental Life Insurance Company of California and the United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. Occidental is the ninth largest underwriter of group life insurance in the United States. For members who are permanent residents of New York and Puerto Rico, the insurance is underwritten by one of the largest companies in North America, the United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. Permanent residents of North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and New Jersey are covered separately by the Occidental Life Insurance Company, which provides similar benefits at the same rate.

The American Legion Life Insurance is the only official insurance Plan in all states for Legionnaires. Four-and-

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$100,000 worth of college scholarships are at stake here as the five National Vice Commanders of The American Legion each select the names of ten young people from their respective regions of the country to receive cash scholarships valued at $2,000 each toward defraying expenses at the college or university of their choice. National Vice Commanders (left to right) selecting the names, are: C. Russell Huber, of Alaska; Maurice Parisien, of Maine; Lewis E. McCray, of Alabama; Howard E. Lohman, of Minnesota, and John A. Jones, of West Virginia.



Churchill T. Williams
Finance

FINANCE COMMISSION

Churchill T. Williams (Iowa), *Chairman*
Francis Polen (Indiana), *National Treasurer*
Robert R. Fleming (Indiana), *National Comptroller*

Under the Constitution of The American Legion, the National Finance Commission, comprised of ten members, is charged with the responsibility of preparing the annual budget, subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee, and within the limits of the annual dues as established by the National Convention; receive the National Treasurer's report and such other financial matters that may come before the Commission. The National Convention is prohibited from expending funds or obligating the National Organization financially.

Your Commission is pleased to report that for the fifth consecutive year since the last dues increase in 1963, your National Organization had a surplus. The surplus for the year ending December 31, 1968, was $540,081.00, before making transfers of $443,338.00 to the various reserve funds as required by the national convention mandates. After these transfers there remains an unallocated surplus of $96,743.00. At year's end the National Organization had sufficient cash and investments on hand to pay all liabilities, fully fund our restricted capital accounts and the advance payment of the 1969 dues. For more detailed information on the 1968 operation, I refer you to the auditor's report found elsewhere in this annual report.

It is projected that The American Legion Magazine and the Emblem Sales Division will return profits in 1969 equal to or greater than in 1968 to supplement the dues and other income in support of the various divisions operating from general revenue.

While the Convention allocated 25 cents of each member's dues for the use of the Rehabilitation Division, these dues and other income restricted to their use have not been sufficient to keep up with the rising cost of operating this

division. It is anticipated that the Rehabilitation Reserve will be depleted in a few years and the National Organization will then be forced to find additional means of subsidizing this program.

The National Treasurer continues his policy of investing the advance payment of dues in government securities, and for the year 1969 he estimates a return of approximately $135,000. Even though he has been diligent in investing the funds of the Reserve and Restricted Funds, our general income will not be materially increased thereby inasmuch as the National Organization receives only the earnings from the Reserve fund for its general operation. The earnings from the restricted fund remain in the fund for investment, thereby increasing our capital for future use and insuring our continued service to the veteran and to the nation.

Your attention is called to the reports of the various committees and trusts which report to the Finance Commission, which reports are contained elsewhere in this annual report.

The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

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one-half million applications were mailed Legionnaires in April and July, 1968, and $40,000.00 placed in advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

Continually since 1958, between five and six percent of the insurance members fail to renew insurance each year. As a result, each year on or about October 15, thousands of Legionnaires are requested to report next year's membership card numbers and make insurance remittances before January 1 of the next year. This is contributing more and more to the stabilization of membership and most important, it provides early membership renewals. As the plan grows, so will these many advantages magnify themselves throughout The American Legion.

For further information, Posts are urged to contact The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 111 West Jackson Boulevard, 13th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Attention: Paul L. Weber, Director.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Harry W. Colmery (Kansas), *President*

In the year 1925, foreseeing the necessity for a regular annual income to support its war veterans Rehabilitation and Child Welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign for contributions to support those two programs. The proceeds from the campaign were placed in the custody of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation as Trustee, a goal of five million dollars having been set and generous contributions being received.

The Corporation was incorporated in 1925 under the laws of the State of Delaware and a Trust Agreement was entered into between The American Legion and the Corporation under which the funds were administered by the Corporation and the annual net income therefrom was paid to The American Legion for the use of the two programs described.

The financial condition of the Endowment Fund is summarized as shown below for each of the preceding years. The figures shown being taken from the annual external audits of George S. Olive & Company, Indianapolis, Indiana.

	December 31, 1968	December 31, 1967	December 31, 1966	December 31, 1965	December 31, 1964
TOTAL ASSETS	$7,215,132.00	$7,230,709.00	$7,237,669.00	$7,237,232.25	$7,235,866.61
Net interest received	233,678	242,562	241,750	238,853.93	249,974.57
Expense	8,184	6,573	8,460	8,061.14	8,172.01
Excess of income over expense	225,494	235,989	233,290	230,792.79	241,802.56
Earnings transferred or due to The American Legion	225,494	235,989	233,290	230,792.79	241,802.56
Yield on average book value of securities (per cent)	3.13%	3.27	3.23	3.31	3.46

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The work of The American Legion, almost from its inception, has been made more effective and more meaningful for more people because of the tireless efforts of the American Legion Auxiliary which, whenever called upon, responds with the kind of assistance that practically insures the success of any undertaking.

The 50th Anniversary year of The American Legion has proved to be an outstanding example of the complete cooperative effort of the nearly one million member American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary named its own National Chairman for the 50th Anniversary and, from the National President on down, the Auxiliary responded 100 percent to every need, and contributed much to the planning of major events of the 50-Year observance, including the "Gift to the Nation."

A $25,000 contribution from the National Organization of the Auxiliary, plus individual gifts from many, many members of the Auxiliary helped considerably to put the financial campaign for the project over the top. In addition to invaluable assistance with this special project, the Auxiliary continued with its other activities in support of. or supplemental to, the programs of The American Legion just as has been the case in other years. The Auxiliary looks forward to its own 50th Birthday on Nov. 10 of this year.

The organizational framework of the Auxiliary closely parallels that of The American Legion so that there is a comparable Auxiliary activity for every activity of the Legion.

The National President of the Auxiliary is the top executive official of the organization, just as the National Commander holds that spot with the Legion, and she acts as chief spokesman for her organization as does the Commander for the Legion. Both of the top elected officials travel extensively throughout their year in office, visiting most of the Departments of The American Legion and some foreign lands.

Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell, of Culver City, Calif., is rounding out her year of office with the 1969 National Convention, at the same time American Legion National Commander William C. Doyle will be completing his term of office.

The Auxiliary is working in cooperation with National Commander Doyle's project for financing a children's wing for a hospital being built by American troops in South Vietnam, and, as a part of its own continuing study in foreign relations, now in its second year, the Auxiliary is equipping a maternity wing in a hospital in Gombak, Malaysia. The wing was built by the Auxiliary last year.

In the light of increasing emphasis in the area of education and scholarships the National President's Scholarships this year were increased in number from five to ten and in value from $5,000 to $12,500.

La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes (the Eight and Forty), affiliated with the National Auxiliary, continues to provide magnificent support in the specialized fields which have been assigned as the area of responsibility by the parent organization, that is, research and rehabilitation on cystic fibrosis and tuberculosis. The Eight and Forty also has strengthened its program of tuberculosis nursing scholarships.



The American Legion Auxiliary, through National President Mrs. Arthur B. Hanell (left), of Culver City, Calif., presents to National Commander William C. Doyle three checks totaling $50,000, disguised in a large poppy decorated hat, which is designated for assisting with The American Legion's Child Welfare and Rehabilitation programs and for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Accompanying Mrs. Hanell are Mrs. Charles Shaw and Mrs. H. Milton Davidson, National Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Chairmen, respectively, for the American Legion Auxiliary. Presentation was made during the spring, 1969, National Executive Committee meetings in St. Louis Mo.

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April 2, 1969

William C. Doyle, National Commander,
The American Legion
National Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Commander Doyle:

We have examined the statement of financial condition of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1968, and the related statements of income and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1968, and the results of its operations and fund transactions for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Yours very truly,

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Certified Public Accountants

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The American Legion National Headquarters

Statement of Income

	Year Ended December 31 1968	1967
INCOME:		
National dues	$ 1,968,733	$ 1,939,996
Sons of The American Legion dues (net of expenses)	2,205	2,935
Earnings from investments	148,312	144,813
	2,119,250	2,087,744
Net income (loss):		
Publications Division	422,499	410,132
Emblem Division	267,939	165,214
American Legion Baseball	(61,021)	(35,205)
	629,417	540,141
	2,748,667	2,627,885
EXPENSE:		
Administration	759,291	737,647
Economic	57,956	66,522
Americanism	159,832	162,500
Legislative	117,872	119,625
Public relations	201,656	171,953
Executive	581,181	552,082
Security	85,688	97,914
Finance	103,308	105,511
National convention	172,054	200,784
Membership Life Insurance program	50,707	30,190
	2,289,545	2,244,728
	459,122	383,157
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
American Legion 50th Anniversary expenses	(138,055)	(117,716)
Convention program	.....	(3,300)
Membership Life Insurance program	30,704	25,822
Cafeteria operating loss	(2,081)	(4,135)
Miscellaneous	47,759	7,979
	(61,673)	(91,350)
NET INCOME	$ 397,449	$ 291,807

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The American Legion National Headquarters
Statement of Financial Condition

Assets	December 31 1968	1967
CURRENT FUNDS:		
Cash on deposit and on hand	$ 1,235,371	$ 1,089,490
Accounts receivable:		
Emblem and Publications	125,036	114,342
Special	92,234	68,781
Mortgage note receivable	22,858	28,777
Inventories—at cost:		
Publications Division	212,699	216,488
Emblem Division	326,887	279,740
Prepaid expenses, supplies, advances and deposits	118,963	139,161
Air line deposit and sundry assets	1,515	1,089
Investments—at cost (market value $5,211,000 at December 31, 1968):		
United States Treasury bills	2,030,385	1,946,151
United States Treasury bonds and notes and municipal bonds	3,289,231	3,020,165
Uninvested cash	2,325	262
Furniture, fixtures and equipment—at cost	751,093	728,890
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation (straight-line method)	451,332	418,511
	299,761	310,379
Washington, D. C. real estate—building and site—at cost	821,522	821,522
Total current funds	8,578,787	8,036,347
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund:		
Uninvested cash	9,690	3,638
Investments—at cost	289,409	289,455
	299,099	293,093
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund—note 3:		
Uninvested cash	9,015	21,332
Accounts receivable from participating units	31,351	38,064
Investments—at cost (market value $4,998,000 and $4,589,000 respectively)	4,351,164	4,040,232
	4,391,530	4,099,628
	$13,269,416	$12,429,068

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Liabilities and Funds

	December 31 1968	1967
CURRENT FUNDS:		
Accounts payable	$ 365,398	$ 311,432
Credit balances in accounts receivable	6,258	3,447
Employees' withholdings	12,409	13,399
Accrued state and federal taxes	4,430	4,060
Emblem merchandise undelivered	34,631	25,998
Membership life insurance premiums payable—note 1	640,635	519,070
Deferred income:		
Dues paid in advance:		
American Legion and Sons of The American Legion	1,338,469	1,317,736
Rehabilitation	445,257	438,630
Subscriptions paid in advance:		
Magazine	1,790,617	1,763,726
Legislative bulletins	12,613	12,540
Department credits and sundry	5,172	12,886
Current fund balances—exhibit C:		
Restricted:		
Rehabilitation Fund	320,930	412,836
Child Welfare Fund	114,462	127,001
Restricted Fund—note 2	1,449,510	1,206,462
Reserve Fund—note 2	650,553	553,810
Other current restricted funds—note 2	23,216	26,013
Gift to the Nation Fund	29,758	.....
Appropriated surplus reserves	989,511	1,054,035
Unrestricted:		
Allocated to accumulated depreciation—Washington, D. C. building	248,215	233,266
Unallocated surplus—note 2	96,743	.....
Total current funds	8,578,787	8,036,347
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS—exhibit C:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund:		
Fund balance	299,099	293,093
	299,099	293,093
Employees' Retirement Trust Fund:		
Fund balance	4,391,530	4,099,628
	4,391,530	4,099,628
	$13,269,416	$12,429,068

The American Legion National Headquarters

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances,
Year Ended December 31, 1968

	Restricted			
	Rehabilitation Fund	Child Welfare Fund	Restricted Fund	Reserve Fund
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1968	$412,836	$127,001	$1,206,462	$553,810
ADDITIONS:				
Dues allocated for rehabilitation	656,244			
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income transferred to The American Legion	113,007	113,007		
Contributions received	20,000	27,614		
Investment income credited directly to fund			49,561	
Amounts allocated to restricted funds as charges against current operations: Oratorical contest prizes				
Depreciation on Washington, D. C. building				
Net income—exhibit A				
	789,251	140,621	49,561	
DEDUCTIONS:				
Expenditures charged directly to funds	881,157	153,160		
INTERFUND TRANSFERS:				
Allocations per National Finance Commission resolutions—note 2			193,487	96,743
Partial reinstatement of reserves as unrestricted funds—amount equal to 1968 expenditures charged to current operations—note 2			193,487	96,743
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1968—exhibit B	$320,930	$114,462	$1,449,510	$650,553

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances, Year Ended December 31, 1968

Restricted			Unrestricted		Nonexpendable Trust Funds	
Other Restricted Funds	Gift to The Nation Fund	Appropriated Surplus Reserves	Allocated to Accumulated Depreciation	Unallocated	Overseas Graves Decoration Trust	Employees' Retirement Trust
$26,013	$	$1,054,035	$233,266	$	$293,093	$4,099,628
8,420	55,078					360,135
7,385					11,378	285,847
8,000						
			14,949			
				397,449		
23,805	55,078		14,949	397,449	11,378	645,982
26,602	100,320				5,372	354,080
	75,000	78,108		(443,338)		
		(142,632)		142,632		
	75,000	(64,524)		(300,706)		
$23,216	$ 29,758	$ 989,511	$248,215	$ 96,743	$299,099	$4,391,530

The American Legion
National Headquarters

Notes to Financial Statements at December 31, 1968

NOTE 1—Membership Life Insurance Program:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust Fund to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings from the trust fund and the experience rating refunds and dividends from the insurors (which combined to a total of approximately $1,282,000 as of December 31, 1968) may be used, as directed by the Legion, for any one or more of the following purposes:

a—to increase the fund

b—to reduce or pay in full premiums thereafter due on the group insurance

c—to provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants

d—to make refunds to the participants

e—to make distributions to The American Legion to be used in the support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of its insured members.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has established a scholarship program for eligible family members of participants in the life insurance program. Financing of the scholarships is to be provided from the insurance trust assets (in excess of a $1,000,000 minimum reserve balance established in 1965) at the rate of $50,000 per year. As of December 31, 1968, the trust showed a liability of $75,000 for scholarships granted to that date.

NOTE 2—Allocations From Unrestricted Current Funds:

During the year ended December 31, 1968, the Finance Commission authorized certain allocations from the Legion's unrestricted current funds as follows:

(A) $193,487 to the Restricted Fund pursuant to a resolution adopted by The American Legion Tenth Annual Convention which provides that as of December 31 each year, the National Finance Commission is to set aside in a restricted fund at least 50 per cent of the Legion's net surplus accruing during each fiscal year.

(B) $96,743 to the Reserve Fund representing expendable capital of the organization but restricted as to use by action of the Legion in its national convention and by action of the National Executive Committee.

(C) $68,108 to the 50th Anniversary Reserve to provide funds for the planning and celebration of The American Legion's 50th Anniversary.

In January, 1969, cash representing the allocations under (A) and (B) was transferred to the American Fletcher National Bank and Trust Company for reinvestment under safekeeping agreements with the bank.

The Publications Reserve was reduced $4,077 by a transfer back to unrestricted current funds representing 1968 expenditures toward this project which have been treated as current operating expense of the Publications Division in the accompanying statement of income. After prior years'

allocations and expenditures for this project and the current year's activity, $42,152 remained in this reserve at December 31, 1968.

The 50th Anniversary Reserve was reduced $138,055 by a transfer back to unrestricted current funds representing 1968 expenditures toward this project which have been treated as charges to current operations in the accompanying statement of income. After prior years' allocations and expenditures for this project and the current year's activity, $56,336 remained in this reserve as of December 31, 1968.

NOTE 3—Employees Retirement Plan:

Since 1944, The American Legion has maintained a retirement plan for all eligible employees of the national headquarters and the Legion's various subsidiary and subordinate groups. Contributions to the plan are made by the national organization and by the other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. Current service is being funded on a level premium basis while past service is being amortized generally over ten years.

The assets of the retirement trust, which are reflected in the accompanying statement of financial condition, are held by the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, as Trustee of this fund.

The actuary's valuation of the retirement fund as of December 31, 1967, shows liabilities of $6,265,000 accrued and accruing for past and current service and total assets of $4,650,000 (at market), or a funding of liabilities equal to 74%, which, in the opinion of the actuary is a satisfactory funding level.

Employees Retirement Trust Fund

William F. Hauck (Indiana), *Chairman*
Robert R. Fleming (Indiana), *Secretary*

On December 31, 1968, there were 24 participating organizations in the retirement plan for the benefit of their employees. During 1968 the fund received contributions of $366,895 from the participating organizations, earned from investments $276,155 and paid $354,080 in benefits to 228 retired employees or widows of employees. The fund had expenses of $7,461 in actuary fees, trustees fees and other expenses. At the close of the year the fund had $4,335,855 in investments for the future benefits of the employees of the participating organizations.

Overseas Graves Decoration Trust

William C. Doyle (New Jersey), *Chairman*
William F. Hauck (Indiana), *Secretary*
Francis Polen (Indiana), *Treasurer*

During 1968 the trust fund had income of $11,424 from investments and spent $5,372 for the decoration and honoring the graves of U. S. servicemen buried overseas in Europe and the Philippine Islands. As of December 31, 1968, the trust still had its original principal of $187,244 and an accumulation of unexpended income of $111,855 for a total of $299,099 in investments.



James V. Demarest
Convention

CONVENTION COMMISSION

James V. Demarest (New York), *Chairman*
William H. Miller (Oregon), *Director*

The 50th National Convention which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, was extremely successful and well received by all in attendance from around the country. Approximately fourteen thousand persons were registered. Possibly a greater registration could have been achieved had the convention dates been prior to opening of schools.

The convention parade which in the past was held during daylight hours was held at night and has since prompt-

ed many conventioneers to suggest that night parades be held at future conventions whenever possible.

During the October, 1968 meetings, the tentative award to Las Vegas of the 1970 National Convention was discussed with representatives from the Department of Nevada. It was the consensus that in view of the mandate of the 50th National Convention that all National Conventions be concluded prior to Labor Day that the tentative award to the City of Las Vegas be withdrawn.

The invitation tendered by the City of Milwaukee to hold the 1972 National Convention in that city was formally withdrawn by a member of the Department of Wisconsin during the October, 1968 meetings. This withdrawal was prompted by a slowup in housing construction in and around the city.

In the face of the actions taken as outlined above, National Convention awards were recommended as follows:

1970—Portland, Oregon, August 28-September 3
1971—Houston, Texas, August 27-September 2
1972—Chicago, Illinois, August 25-August 31
1973—Los Angeles, California—August 24-August 30

During Commission meetings held at the New Orleans National Convention and the October, 1968, and May, 1969, meetings, representatives of many cities appeared before the Commission for the purpose of securing an award for a future National Convention. It is apparent that the number of cities capable of hosting the convention is sure to grow since they are placing increasing emphasis on convention business and many are in the process of constructing the necessary facilities.

The Convention Commission will continue to make physical inspections of those cities receiving awards of the National Convention to insure that adequate facilities will be available in accordance with our published National Convention requirements.



Staging of the National Convention Parade, always a colorful spectacle at any American Legion National Convention, is another responsibility that is supervised by the Convention Commission. Shown here is a military unit passing in review at the 50th Annual National Convention in New Orleans.

National Contests Supervisory Committee

Arthur W. Mazowiecki (New Jersey), *Chairman*
C. L. (Bud) Johnson (Washington), *Coordinator*

The continued increase in the number of American Legion Uniformed Groups is a matter of great satisfaction to the National Contests Supervisory Committee. Our records show an approximate 10 percent gain during this past year. The greatest number of newly organized Color Guards and Drum and Bugle Corps are in the West Coast and Gulf States area. A new Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Association has been formed in the Gulf States area with several good Junior Corps participating.

New Orleans, Louisiana, Contests

Because of the dates of our 1968 National Convention, September 6-12, this being the first week of school in most areas, the majority of our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps and other Uniformed Groups found it impossible to attend The American Legion National Contests. However, there were enough groups in attendance to provide excellent competition in all categories, and the final show, the "Parade of Champions," was a particularly crowd-pleasing event. The contest sites in New Orleans were better than average, and the Local Contest Committee was well organized and functioned smoothly, which contributed greatly to our activities.

The winners of the 1968 National Competition are as follows:

Senior Drum & Bugle Corps—LONG ISLAND SUNRISERS, Post 390, Hempstead, N.Y.

Junior Drum & Bugle Corps—ST. LUCY'S CADETS, Post 300, Newark, N.J.

Senior Color Guard—FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, Post 985, Chicago, Ill.

Junior Color Guard—WHITE TORNADOES ALL GIRL, Post 40, Momence, Ill.

Firing Squad—IROQUOIS INDIANS, Post 229, Louisville, Ky.

Senior Band—A. R. McALLISTER MEMORIAL BAND, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.

Chorus—CHAMPIONS OF SONG, Post 23, Milwaukee, Wis.

Quartet—NABB-LESLIE, Post 82, Millville, N.J.

Motorcycle Drill Team—INDIANAPOLIS POLICE, Post 56, Indianapolis, Ind.

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